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# Presidential Address

To the 112th Annual Convention of The Theosophical Society  
Adyar, 26th December 1987

It has been customary to begin our international Conventions by invoking the guidance and blessing of the Great Ones who form the spiritual 'Guardian Wall', protecting mankind from its own follies and guiding it towards higher levels of realization. Let us seek the aid of Their Wisdom and Compassion once again:

**May Those who are the embodiments of Love Immortal bless with Their help and guidance this Society founded to be a channel for Their work. May They inspire it with Their wisdom, strengthen it with Their power and energize it with Their activity.**

This invocation reminds us each year of the Society's hallowed origin. As the years pass and new members fill our ranks, care must be taken to see that these members are not forgetful or ignorant of the noble origin of the Society and the seriousness of its task.

The advice given by an Elder Brother in 1884 to Francesca Arundale is applicable to all the older workers in the Society:

Candidates should be taught, and old members always recollect, that this is a serious affair the Society is engaged in; and that they should begin the work as seriously by making their own lives theosophical.

Ordinary members and much more so those who hold office at any level were advised to learn that they may teach, acquire spiritual knowledge and strength that the work may lean upon them, and the sorrowing victims of ignorance learn from them. Cause and remedy of their misery. The same responsibility devolves on the members today.

In several other letters received in the early days from the Teachers who inspired the Society's founding, there is also ample indication that the word 'Brotherhood' was given a special meaning in relation to the Society's aims. It referred to action which is in harmony with the inner essence of being, and relationships which reflect the understanding that there is a common substratum which links all individual lives. Therefore, the Theosophical Society must not be exclusive in any sense, catering to the high or the low, to people of any particular religion, nation, race or sect. The scope of its work is universal and its task is to help people to purify their minds and realize the harmony and love which are the perennial endowments of our inner nature.

The coming year will mark the centenary of the publication of *The Secret Doctrine*, H.P.B.'s magnum opus which gave a vital impetus to the turning of world thought in a new direction. She wrote:

The esoteric philosophy is alone calculated to withstand, in this age of crass and illogical materialism, the repeated attacks on all and everything man holds most dear and sacred in his inner spiritual life.

Even today, very few in the world realize to what absurd illogicality human life is driven by materialistic thinking. As Mr J. Krishnamurti often pointed out, the feverish search for material security and success is making the earth most insecure. To quote H.P.B. again,

It has now become a vast arena—a true valley of discord and of eternal strife—a necropolis, wherein lie buried the highest and most holy aspirations of our Spirit-Soul.

This being the condition of the world, there is an urgency for acquiring and making known the true philosophy of life—a philosophy which will reduce competition, selfishness and cruelty and prepare the mind to receive truth.

As the hundredth anniversary of what was at one time the British Section coincides with the centenary of *The Secret Doctrine*, the main celebration of the year 1988 will be in England, and it is expected that there will be an international gathering there in July. Awareness of the history and origin of the Society, apart from renewed interest in the deeper aspects of Theosophy, may be stimulated by the event. As I mentioned in my address delivered in July, while beginning my second term as President, the past has much to teach us, yet we cannot afford to cling to the past. The mind must be awake to the issues in the present and bring to bear on them a synthesis of past experience which takes the form of a fresh vitality and mature perceptions.

A study of theosophical history does not have too much importance in fulfilling the aims of the Society if it consists of digging out new details, comparing characters or declaring who was a failure. On the other hand, it is history which can show what sacrifice, courageous thought and energy led to the building of the world-wide organization which has served to inspire the hearts and minds of millions. Sacrifice and selfless energy characterized the work, not only of our remarkable President-Founder Colonel Olcott and that unique seer H.P. Blavatsky, but also their great successors like Annie Besant. To be fired by a passion for serving humanity such as theirs is more important than learning details about various incidents and passing judgement on them. The Society could not in fact have been built except on sacrifice. Generations of worthy members have given unstintingly of themselves for this work, not caring for reputation, comfort, recognition or gratitude. Such sacrifice was natural because it arose out of a knowledge of the direction in which humanity has to progress and a realization of the unitary nature of life.

Carrying on the theosophical tradition and spirit, we too should be ready to give freely of our talents and energy and also to sense the needs and reactions of our own generation and age even as our predecessors did in their time. The activities of the Society from the earliest years were such as to encourage change in contemporary thought and situations. An amusing example of this is described in detail in the recently published book *The Dawning of the Theosophical Movement* by Michael Gomes. No one



would now connect a programme of cremation with theosophical activity, but the Founders did, and undertook in the year 1876 the cremation at New York of the Baron de Palm, about whom H.P.B. commented in her scrapbook, he was 'principally known as a corpse'. Though the incident was hilarious, one cannot ignore the fact that at a time when the Christian world suffered more than it does now from gross misconceptions about the process of life and death, by organizing this cremation—an unthought of and unheard of thing in Christian lands in those days—wide publicity was given to important truths concerning the existence of the reincarnating principle and the value of death as a gateway to a new life and a step onwards in the evolutionary pilgrimage. Olcott and H.P.B. did not fear to incur the wrath of the orthodox nor to become the target of mocking comments in the newspapers. Many such far-away incidents sharply illustrate the qualities needed to promote new ideas and outlook.

Various questions are before us now. What does humanity urgently need? What wrong ideas are at the base of the world's ills? In what way should they be counteracted? Are we ready to act with self-sacrifice and courage, ready to initiate the necessary programmes to make our philosophy relevant to contemporary situations?

The recent accord signed by the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear missiles has been acclaimed as historic. This act of statesmanship brings new hope for the world, as it is a break from the old rigid postures of confrontation. Still a considerable number of nations and

people are afraid of disarmament and there are strong vested interests in favour of war. The balance of terror is a fragile and frightening balance indeed, for each side is anxious to maintain its edge. So, the world has been perched for decades on the brink of disaster not only through the unleashing of nuclear war but also through the use of chemical and biological weapons. In this situation, should not the members of the Theosophical Society be in the forefront of thought to bring about total disarmament, including the abolition of all chemical and biological weapons, and the attitude of competition among the nations and peoples of the world, which is the cause of war? There is great need to promote the recognition that war cannot solve problems, nor should the armament industry be the basis for economic growth. The crux of happy relationship at the global and every other level is the building of mutual trust and the firm conviction that human well-being and progress depend on peace. The Theosophical Society is uniquely structured to build the edifice of world peace, with justice and a reasonable freedom for all. It must strongly inspire all people, irrespective of their racial or other superficial differences, to develop feelings of mutual trust and interest in each other's well-being.

When years ago, our late President Mr C. Jinarajadasa urged all T.S. Lodges to support the United Nations and to celebrate U.N. Day, he had in mind that theosophists should be in the vanguard of thought in favour of peace, and that theosophical Lodges should be active centres for promoting peaceful international relationship, and understanding



of each other's culture. Whether the United Nations has risen to the expectations which prevailed after the end of the last World War or not, Theosophical Lodges all over the world should be active centres working for world harmony and peace.

The reduction of disparities among peoples is another question which should be a matter of deep concern for Lodges and members. The last few decades have seen some countries grow in affluence and a sharp division has separated the so-called North and South. Within each nation too, disparities have increased. The rich are becoming richer in some of the most affluent countries of the world, while poverty is still a feature in their own backyard. The reduction of disparities can come about only through a major change of attitude. Those who are economically well off must feel the need to share and help. The less fortunate must transcend the envy and animus which seem to them justified by their present miserable standard of living, but which can never serve to alleviate suffering. Modern life sets before the peoples of the world a false goal of economic prosperity and ostentatious living. A simple and decent life for all, instead of the continual race to rise ahead of others, was the ideal behind the communist movement at its best. Theosophical leaders have remarked that they believed in the communism of love and not the communism of hatred, thereby pointing to the reduction of disparity through right means as an objective which Theosophists should have at heart.

Increasing affluence leads people to believe that wealth and pleasure alone are of importance in the world. In many parts

of the world, such virtues as kindness, simple living and honesty are regarded by the young, and even middle aged, as old-fashioned and obsolete. Because wealth and pleasure are set up as important aims in life, unimaginable perversities and crimes have become daily events and those who commit them enjoy an aura of glamour. Ruthless trafficking in drugs, destroying the lives of millions, corruption in high places, malpractices in commerce and so forth are part of the current life-style in all countries of the world. Pleasure-seeking results in the promotion of vulgarity. One of the major problems of the present day is to save children from exploitation by those who make the peddling of obscenity their profession. Obviously there is a crying need to make people aware of the true human goals. Theosophical knowledge offers the perspective which makes one understand the transitoriness of material life and the futility of the goals pursued by the vast majority of people. The theosophical perspective needs to be put forward vigorously in rational and relevant terms to bring about a change in the orientation of the human mind.

One more question to which members of the Society should address themselves is that of exploitation. The weak are the victims everywhere of those who have greater power. In vast areas of the Third World and even elsewhere, women spend their entire lives practically as beasts of burden and child-bearing machines. The abuse and exploitation of children is a world-wide problem. Books like *The City of Joy* by Dominic Lapierre describe graphically the helplessness of the economically downtrodden. In countries where a particular race or group

is dominant, the defenceless minorities have been decimated in the most ruthless manner, or deliberately trodden down as in apartheid-ridden South Africa. Millions of helpless animals suffer from the heartless cruelties inflicted on them in laboratories and factory-farms. The exploitation of the weak is so ubiquitous that there is a danger of too many minds becoming used to it and therefore losing the will to resist it and protect its victims. Courage is needed to challenge and fight against injustice; it is only too easy for obscurantists to justify the suppression of people, the confining of women and other immoral acts in the name of religion or tradition.

These are all areas of work which lie before members of the Theosophical Society. They all involve a change of attitude and thought, and the application of the well-known principles of Theosophy to provide new perspectives and values. Religious fundamentalism too has to be opposed. The narrowing down of the meaning of religion is what fundamentalism is really about, which is a travesty of all that true religion stands for. Members of the Society must be known to champion radical changes in belief and behaviour.

In July this year my first term of office ended and in accordance with the Society's Rules and Regulations an election was conducted by the Secretary, Mr Conrad Jamieson, and an Election Committee appointed by the Executive Committee of the Society. Though there was no other qualified candidate, as prescribed by the Rules, the election took place. A few people seemed to regard the process as an unnecessary exercise and expense. But careful consideration of the

whole matter will show that even if there is only one candidate an election is desirable for otherwise a few General Council members, some of them representing a very small membership in their particular area, would be choosing the international President. An election on the 'yes' or 'no' basis provides the opportunity to the entire membership of the Society to reject a candidate if necessary and in any case to give an expression of confidence or otherwise in the eligible candidate. The person elected is also strengthened by knowing that the membership of the Society supports his general direction and theosophical perspective.

As mentioned in my address given on reassuming the office of President on 17 July, this world organization with members in about sixty countries enjoys a certain wholeness, which results not so much from structural factors, but because of a shared concern for human welfare and the spiritual awakening which is necessary for humanity to fulfil its destiny. A correct understanding of Theosophy not merely in conceptual terms but at a deeper level, and a constant endeavour to make daily life mirror one's understanding of Divine Wisdom is essential to keep the Society alive with a sense of purpose and effective in carrying out its task. During the past seven years, a constant effort has been made to create a renewed sense of awareness with regard to the nature of the wisdom, and also to bring to the fore the fact that Theosophy, if rightly understood, has a bearing upon all situations, activities and problems. I hope that during the coming seven years, a consciousness of the deeper aspects of life will grow and the members will make

their programmes and work have a more direct impact on the atmosphere and circumstances around them.

We have had to say farewell at the physical level to a number of stalwarts. Mr V. Wallace Slater, who was a leading member of the English Section, and was also a member of the General Council of the Society for a number of years, passed away in February 1987. He was much appreciated in the many countries to which he travelled, because of the work he did, his kindly presence and wise advice. Another member of the English Section who passed over was Miss Marion Caws. She too was General Secretary of the English Section, and from 1969 to 1978 at Adyar as Assistant Editor of THE THEOSOPHIST. She was a frequent visitor to Australia where she also participated in the work for considerable periods. Two other members who were closely connected with Adyar were relieved of their ailing, physical bodies, namely Miss Jamni Thadhani and Mr Zoltan de Algya-Pap. Miss Thadhani was the personal assistant of our late President Jinarajadasa during many years and also assisted succeeding Presidents. Her knowledge of past events and various matters at Adyar was an asset. Mr Algya-Pap had a distinguished career in the Hungarian Army before the war. He was a long-standing member, a linguist and was for a number of years, in charge of the Archives at Adyar and the editing of THE THEOSOPHIST. The American Section lost a valuable member in the person of Dr William Nicholson, who headed the Education Department at the Section headquarters. Mrs. Sirkka Kivilinna, a senior member of the Finnish Section also passed over during the year.

A devoted member of the Indian Section, Mr T.V. Rachappa, left this world in November. He translated into the Kannada language a very large number of theosophical and related books, and travelled indefatigably in his area visiting Lodges in remote places by train, bus or bullock cart.

The report from the Indian Section mentions that a beginning was made in trying to give a new thrust to the understanding of Theosophy and the work of the Lodges. Workers were invited to attend special discussions concentrating on how to make theosophical knowledge more meaningful in daily life and in the context of the surrounding community. The emphasis was on awareness of current human problems and the use of the right language and idiom for communicating essential ideas. Serious enquiry, the questioning of given ideas and going deep within are the essential means providing a base for communicating with clarity and effectiveness. Theosophical work should not be academic but translated into action and life. The General Secretary also reports that they have found it more effective to have lecturers stay for a while in each place to conduct study courses or give a series of talks rather than make flying visits.

During the last three years at the Indian Section headquarters, study camps of one week's duration have been held on the Mahatma Letters, J. Krishnamurti's *Commentaries on Living*, the *Dhammapada* and so on. An important publication of the Section, it is reported, was the Krishnamurti number of the *Indian Theosophist* which was purchased by many non-members and generally well

received. The General Secretary has called upon all older members to find out what the younger ones are seeking to understand and help them without imposing ideas on them.

The difficulties mentioned last year have continued in Sri Lanka. The tragic conflict between ethnic groups and the political situation in general made it impossible for some of the Lodges to function. The General Secretary, Mr Edmund P. Silva says that they intend to continue patiently, with equanimity and balance of mind rooted in insight, which is the philosophy all true Theosophists must acquire. The headquarters building at Colombo has been completed and is said to be attractive. Small meetings held in the residence of members proved useful, as theosophical subjects were discussed in depth.

The report of the Burmese Section says that the work is going on regularly in Rangoon. Most of the members are Buddhists and their approach to Theosophy is through the Buddhist teaching. In Indonesia too, work went on in the normal way. Officers have been appointed to make periodical visits to small and isolated Lodges in East Java and Bali since there is not much communication with them. They have continued the programme of training workers, for here as in many other parts of the world 'the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few'.

The Sections in the Caribbean area have continued their contacts with each other. A gathering of 163 members from Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Mexico took place in Metepec, Mexico, in which a few

members from the U.S.A. also participated. It is proposed to have similar conferences in the future also, the next one being planned for 1989 in El Salvador.

The Mexican Section reports a growth in membership of twenty-five per cent and the formation of two new Lodges and four study Centres. We are happy to welcome at this Convention the small delegation of Mexican members who are here. The magazine of the Mexican Section, *Unidad*, of which 2,400 copies were produced, circulates in the Caribbean area. The Inter-American Federation is also trying to increase contacts with various countries and a better distribution of theosophical literature in Spanish.

Dr Miguel Charneco was the Acting General Secretary of the Puerto Rican Section for some time before his reelection to that office. He has been chiefly responsible for the formation of a Lodge in the Dominican Republic. Plans are under way to have the building in San Juan remodelled and also to establish a study and training centre for workers of the Caribbean area at a suitable site in San Juan.

The Argentine Section organized a very successful Winter School at the Theosophical Colony in San Rafael with Mr Juan Viñas conducting it and introducing members to the study of *The Secret Doctrine*. It is hoped to increase the facilities in the colony so that members from the neighbouring countries of Chile, Bolivia and Peru might also benefit from future study and training programmes. The first Summer School in Bolivia was held in Cochabamba with forty-five members participating. In La Paz, its capital, two theosophical groups exist and



one Lodge has been chartered. The Presidential Agent, Mr Mario Cariaga Aramayo, and seven other members travelled to Argentina for attending meetings which were held in several places during my visit to that country. Dr Roger Vivas-Decanio, the Presidential Agent in Venezuela, has reported that work is going on well and they are trying by all possible means to explain to visitors and members the importance of a spiritual and disciplined life, especially at the present time. Theosophical material from the U.S. and other Latin American countries has been made use of for their work.

The Brazilian Section is the largest in Latin America. For the first time a national meeting of officers of the T.S. in Brazil was held during the year. A Summer School was also organized.

The General Secretary for New Zealand, Mr Jack Patterson, reports a net gain in membership of 111, bringing the total to 1,671. Close to half the number of members joined within the last three years. He says that the new members are enthusiastic and eager to learn but their interests are wider than those of earlier members and so the Society in New Zealand is 'moving out of its orthodoxy'. Training workshops have been held to prepare the new workers and efforts have been made to provide Lodges with better equipment and libraries.

In Australia, the headquarters office was moved to a new location in Sydney. Mrs Emily Sellon of U.S.A. was the guest speaker. The Section is said to be in a stable position, both financially and from the point of view of theosophical work.

The Canadian Section has had a decline in membership about which the

General Secretary says he is much concerned. The drop has been mostly in the eastern part of Canada, but the western area is holding its own. No report has been received from the Canadian Federation which also has Lodges affiliated to it in some parts of the country.

In the American Section there was a change of National President after twelve years. Mrs Dorothy Abbenhouse was elected to this office, succeeding Mrs Dora Kunz. The report of the Section, which is only up to May 1987, mentions that the production of Spanish videotapes in addition to English ones continues. The Theosophical Publishing House in Wheaton experienced a dramatic expansion of sales and for the first time the revenue exceeded one million dollars. The Quest Book store at Olcott also had a record sale of \$ 195,000. The headquarters library is becoming increasingly recognized by other libraries as a source of valuable material. The *Theosophical Research Journal's* world-wide circulation has increased. Mrs Abbenhouse plans to have closer relationship with the Krotona Centre in Ojai, so that the study and training programmes in Krotona can be made use of to prepare better workers for the Section.

Appreciation is due to the Organizing and General Secretaries in West and East Africa for giving a comprehensive and clear picture of the work done through their reports. One of the problems in these countries is the popular misunderstanding of what the organization stands for. Quite a few applicants seek membership in order to get help to resolve personal problems, receive charms or amulets or monetary



help. Therefore, enquirers have first to be supplied with literature about the aims and character of our Society and helped to understand the irrelevance of the rewards and aids they seek in a universe governed by the karmic law which decrees that merit alone wins for each person what he needs. Besides this, the public needs to realize that the Theosophical Society does not seek to convert anyone to a particular faith, nor does it denigrate any of the religions. It seeks to inculcate a realization of the essence of religion and thereby a sense of harmony with all others, however different their outward practices.

We were happy that two West African delegates could attend the last international Convention, namely Mr Charles Baiden and Mr Paul Kwakyi, the latter of whom is now the Organizing Secretary of the West African area. Fortunately, he could stay to attend the January-March session of the School of the Wisdom. He reports that plans are being made to have a headquarters building in Accra and also to acquire some land in Lagos to house theosophical activities there. As reported last year West Africa is being helped with gifts of books from Adyar in view of their inability to send money out of the countries comprising the Regional Association.

The General Secretary for East and Central Africa states that as yet there is no possibility of re-starting the Lodges in Uganda which were closed in 1972 on account of political conditions. The membership has not increased quantitatively but, as per the report, quality-wise there is much improvement and more members are undertaking studies and improving contacts. Professor Harry

Upadhyay from England visited a number of places in the Section and was the guest speaker at the convention held in Nairobi. The National Lecturer, Mr Reuben Thuku continued his extensive travels, giving talks not only to members and at public meetings, but also in educational institutions, prisons and other associations.

The T.S. in South Africa has had an increase in membership and the work is said to be progressing. Mr Bunton reports an 'upsurge of interest in the teaching of Theosophy all round'. Harare Lodge in Zimbabwe is at present part of this Section, but conditions are difficult for its work.

The English Section again suffered a considerable loss of membership, with 369 lapses and 50 resignations during the year. Dr Hugh Gray, the General Secretary, states that 'much discussion is taking place on how to achieve growth instead of recession'. The Information Department of the Section now produces a bi-monthly Newsletter called *Insight*. Publications during the year included *The Autobiography of A.P. Sinnett*, *The History of the Parent T.S.* and a short biography of H.P.B. The Development Officer of the Section is making contact with members to see if Centres could be established where unattached members have no focal meeting point.

Generally speaking, it seems that in the areas where most of the members assemble and work well together in Lodges and Centres, the membership is strong and the work goes on well. It must be remembered that the Society was meant to bring people together and aid them to work together and obtain knowledge more quickly through mutual

sympathy and aspiration. The encouragement of unattached membership may not be of advantage to the work in general nor be of use in establishing universal brotherhood. Independent study by individuals who are unattached members because they do not want to work with others may be a kind of negation of one of the main purposes of the Theosophical Society.

The Welsh Section is so small that there has been much debate as to whether it should merge with the English Section or remain separate. Work in Northern Ireland went on in the same uncertain conditions as before. In Scotland the Lodges at Edinburgh and Glasgow are continuing their activities. The rules and regulations of the Section are being examined and amended. The Presidential Agent, Mrs Margaret Senior, mentions that lapsed members have been so far allowed to remain too long on the list. This may be the case in other Sections too, and the international Society may have to decide the issue in order to have a correct picture of membership in various countries.

In the Netherlands, the former General Secretary Mrs Ineke Vrolijk, resigned as she could not agree any longer with other members of the Board and Mr Paul Zwollo was elected as General Secretary. The Board of the Dutch Section has decided to reorganize the various aspects of the work so as to give a more theosophical character to the activities. Video-tapes from the American Section were brought over and used in the Section and also supplied to other Sections.

The St Michael's Centre in Naarden was functioning till recently under the

direction of Mrs Rukmini Devi Arundale. After her passing, there has been much discussion about how to administer it and what character it should have. The Board of the Centre has expressed a desire to create a link with Adyar and the international Society. However there is as yet no clarity with regard to how such a link can be established, the centre being run by an independent board of T.S. members.

The Belgian and Swiss Sections are small ones as mentioned last year. The Brussels Lodge in Belgium has been regularly sending generous donations to Adyar for the Olcott Memorial School. Mrs Alice Eichenberger of Geneva, Switzerland, has also given a substantial donation for providing games, craft and other facilities for the children of the school. Miss Ianthe Hoskins was the guest at the inter-lodges meeting held at Glion in Switzerland, which has become a regular feature of the activities of the Swiss Section.

The French Section participated in a Book Fair in Brittany and made new contacts with bookshops and readers. A large contingent of French-speaking members from these Sections came to Adyar for the last Convention, after which a special study programme on *The Voice of the Silence* with French translation was arranged for their benefit. The Italian Section has reviewed its membership list in order to weed out those who continue to be in arrears of dues. The General Secretary, Mr Edoardo Bratina reports that the members in arrears 'are almost all members at large who have no connection with the Lodges'. A new translation of the fifth volume (Adyar

Edition) of *The Secret Doctrine* was prepared as there is a demand for the book.

As usual an Iberian Theosophical Week was held, this time in Portugal, with Miss Hoskins as the Chief Guest. The Portuguese Section too weeded out those who were in arrears for more than three years. The Section has had difficulties in publishing its journal, but they look forward to an increase in their activities during the coming year.

The report from Greece is more in the nature of a historical recapitulation than a report. It gives a long list of the publications in Greek on theosophical subjects which were brought out through the years. Yugoslavia suffered a considerable loss in the passing of its General Secretary, Dr Augustin Gerden. On White Lotus Day members from all over the country met together. Miss Mary Anderson has been regularly visiting the Section. In the Austrian Section, which is a small one, an important feature is publication work. In Germany every year a summer school is held and there is an international gathering. In addition a mini-school was organized for those who do not know English. Two Lodges in Windhoek (Namibia) which are attached to the German Section are said to be planning a 'winter' school.

The Finnish Section celebrated its eightieth anniversary. A number of its members attended the last international Convention at Adyar. Their publications included three booklets: *The Way of Self-Knowledge* by Radha Burnier, *Bowen's How to Study Theosophy* and *Who Am I?* by Ramana Maharshi.

The Swedish Section has now its own magazine instead of sharing one with

Norway. A book of articles and lectures by our late President N. Sri Ram prepared by Curt and Kerstin Berg was published. Iceland's membership increased and they published Suzuki's *Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind*. The Norwegian Section is making use of the American video-tapes and also the tapes of Krishnamurti's talks and discussions. The Danish Section distributed 5,000 pamphlets on Theosophy and the Theosophical Society in an exhibition on 'Spirit, Soul and Body'.

The European Federation is in regular touch with the Sections in Europe and also with the international headquarters. In writing her Newsletter, the chairman Mrs Barbro Melander draws attention to many different aspects of life. She has pointed out in her last letter that 'if the world is growing worse, it is we ourselves who have created the present state at some moment in the past which is now "history". Every "now" is the creator of the future.' She also points out that 'Nature may seem to be the expression of an endless diversity, but under the surface we can discern a number of basic patterns and principles—in feathers, trees, shells, sunflowers, honeycombs. Let us remember that variety at all levels is a message from the underlying Unity.'

The main event at Adyar last year was the celebration of the Centenary of the Adyar Library and Research Centre. The event received wide publicity in newspapers, magazines and other media of communication. An Endowment Fund was started which needs to be built up during the coming years in order to put this outstanding institution, founded by Colonel Olcott, on a sound financial basis. Mr R. Venkataraman, then Vice-President of India and now its President,

presided over the Centenary meeting on 28 December 1986. In his address he remarked:

The Theosophical Society has, over the last century, contributed greatly towards keeping the torch of the spirit ablaze. And within the Theosophical Society it was the Adyar Library that supplied a continuing stream of intellectual energy. ... It has during the last one hundred years served to nourish free and liberal thinking and has thereby influenced modern philosophical thought. ... Such a library, combining the best of our past with the most modern outlook, would not have been possible elsewhere than in the Theosophical Society.

Among others who participated was Mrs Pupul Jayakar, Adviser to the Prime Minister of India on Cultural Resources and Heritage.

To mark this important occasion a special volume of *Brahmavidyā*, the Adyar Library Bulletin, was released. Other important publications of the year were *Chaturdasalakshani*, a work on logic, *Naishadhānanda*, a literary work, *Jivanmukti-viveka*, on the topic of liberation, and *Siddhānta-panjara*, on the systems of Indian philosophy.

Four colloquia were organized during the year on communication and relations in philosophy. Distinguished traditional pandits and modern Sanskrit scholars participated and profitably exchanged viewpoints, many of them speaking in fluent Sanskrit on subtle points of philosophy. The Ford Foundation financed this particular project of the Adyar Library.

The School of the Wisdom session in January-March attracted sixty-six students from eighteen countries. It was

conducted by Mr A.R. Bakshi who dealt extensively with mysticism in the religions and philosophies of the world. Several of the participants took up individual research and presented papers on such subjects as 'Mysticism and Art'. The October-December session of the School has been under the direction of Mr Rohit Mehta with 'Theosophy—the Unknown but not the Unknowable' as the theme. This session also drew a large number of participants from several countries of the world. A few scholarships are available for students, but we are restricting them to members who are actively working for the Society or those who show promise of becoming useful workers. We particularly wish to help the isolated areas and Sections which experience economic problems.

Much effort was put into improving the work of the Olcott Memorial School and the Social Welfare Centre at Adyar. An Endowment Fund for the educational work was also created which should enable us to get better teaching staff and equipment. Steps have been taken to bring the social welfare work directly under the aegis of the T.S. Consequently the Olcott Welfare Society has resolved to dissolve itself. Members who wish to help these poor children are requested henceforward to channel their aid through the T.S., earmarking the donation for welfare work.

The new building of the Theosophical Publishing House in Besant Gardens, for which the foundation was laid last year, is nearing completion. In 1988, the Publishing House will shift to the new premises which are much more spacious and convenient than the present one. After this change, it is proposed to



provide the Archives and Museum with more space as they are at present too cramped and unable to carry on the work or display material properly.

The only change in the staff at Adyar during the year was the appointment of Mr Baden Offord as Officer-in-Charge of the Archives and Museum.

The Theosophical Order of Service is an important wing of the Society's activities, and it would be desirable to have more members take part in its varied relief work. In India, Mrs Saraswati Narayan was appointed as the National Director and she has initiated correspondence to create fresh interest. In France, England, the U.S., Australia, East Africa, etc. there are T.O.S. groups actively engaged in relieving suffering and working against all forms of cruelty. The avenues of work are numerous: protest against the use of torture, propaganda against factory farming and other cruelties committed against animals, environmental awareness, helping disaster-stricken areas, help to the aged, the handicapped, the blind, and so forth. Each group is left free to take up programmes which are feasible to it, but the desire to help one's fellow human beings and other creatures is in itself an aid to spiritual realization, for it cleanses the heart through compassion.

The Theosophy-Science Study Group in India has concentrated on the publication of a Silver Jubilee Souvenir with the theme 'Holistic Human Concern for World Welfare'. Articles have been contributed by more than fifty scientists and others concerned. The aim of the publication is to show that the divergencies which we see are far less important than what they appear to be,

and a holistic outlook alone can ensure the welfare of all.

A number of lecture tours were undertaken during the year. Mrs Seetha Neelakantan visited some countries of Europe and also participated in the Summer School and Convention in England. Mr and Mrs Rohit Mehta lectured in Europe, England and the United States. The Vice-President, Mr Surendra Narayan, while in the United States, lectured at the Wheaton headquarters and other places and was also the chief guest at various conferences within the Indian Section. I made an extensive tour of Latin American countries including a visit to Cuba where not many visitors go. Taking advantage of the Latin American tour, I also visited the Krotona Centre in Ojai and briefly stopped over in Paris and at the Tekel's Park estate of the English Section, to meet the members there, and then to conduct a weekend course in meditation in Paris. This was followed by a fortnight's stay in the Netherlands for a programme of seminars and lectures, and discussions on various administrative matters, including the future of the St Michael's Centre. I have also devoted some time to different areas of the Indian Section, including a week for study at the Indian Section headquarters in Varanasi on the deeper aspects of life.

I am very glad to report that after so many decades the Benares Hindu University decided to institute annual Besant Memorial Lectures in recognition of her invaluable contribution to the country and the establishment of the university. They are also preparing a statue to be installed in the university campus. It was my privilege to deliver the



first two Besant Memorial Lectures at the University in January.

India has had a special place in the history of the T.S. and in the hearts of many of its members. India's regeneration, from the moral and spiritual point of view, was a matter of deep concern for the inner and outer Founders, Dr Annie Besant and many

other Theosophists. The potentiality of the soil for spiritual flowering is great, but it must be tilled and tended; the work done so far by the leaders of our movement must not remain unfinished. In the context of the present crisis, a renewal of India's spiritual and moral energy may be crucial and the T.S. must fulfil its obligation by giving the right direction. □

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1987



## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

I have pleasure in presenting the audited accounts for the year ended 30th September 1987 with the report of the auditors.

I am glad to say that for the year under report there is a surplus of Rs. 35,870 as against a deficit of Rs. 94,873 last year. This surplus has been made possible thanks to the Theosophical Publishing House, which has shown a surplus of Rs. 4,25,438. It is also the result of the better working of other departments.

The General fund stood at Rs. 1,31,63,541\* on 30th September 1987 as against Rs. 1,20,39,683 last year. This has enabled the society to incur capital expenditure like the construction of the new building for The Theosophical Publishing House, which building is planned to be finished during 1988, completion of the compound wall and the dwelling units to the tune of Rs. 18.22 lakhs. The total of the Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund (which now includes the former John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund) stood at Rs. 86,22,363 at the end of the year under review as against Rs. 68,35,997 last year. It is also to be noted, that the total investments stood at Rs. 1,26,74,459 on 30th September 1987 as against Rs. 1,04,91,692 at the end of the last accounting year.

The appeal for the Adyar Library Endowment Fund has met with a continued good response, bringing up the Fund from Rs. 2,61,990 at the end of last year to Rs. 7,89,317 on the 30th September 1987.

In a similar way the Education Endowment Fund has increased during the year under report from Rs. 5,15,291 to Rs. 6,86,142 on 30th September 1987.

As to other funds, a review has been made during the year leading to the merging of some minor funds. Schedule 5 shows the state of the funds and the movement within each during the year. The total of these funds (including Adyar Library Endowment Fund) stood at Rs. 56,36,650 on 30th September 1987.

The results of the different departments are seen from the Income and Expenditure accounts. The net cost of Adyar Library is Rs. 1,38,457 which is less than last year, mainly due to the interest on the Adyar Library Endowment Fund investments which has reduced the net expenditure.

The Garden department has done well and reduced its deficit from last year (Rs. 79,905) to Rs. 11,940 this year.

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\*The Indian counting system has the units 1 lakh (1.00.000) equal to one hundred thousand, and one crore (1.00.00.000) equal to 10 millions.

The Theosophical Publishing House showed a surplus of Rs. 4,25,438 with an increase of Rs. 2,63,893 over last year. The result will make it possible to provide a subsidy to sell some theosophical books at a lower price.

As to the items in the Auditors' report last year the following action has been taken.

1. The investments in the Netherlands on behalf of the Society on account of the bequest of Mr. Morpurgo have now been included in our accounts for 1986-87, increasing the investments by Rs. 6,37,467.
2. The sale consideration of Rs. 2 lakhs for the building 'Sheltwood' has been adjusted in the 1986-87 accounts, on registration of the sale.
3. The funds earmarked for certain purposes have been reviewed and appropriate transfers have been made.
4. The accounts of debtors and creditors have been reviewed and the balances have been confirmed, except for the reconciliation of two interunit accounts, namely, The Theosophical Publishing House and the Olcott Education Society. However the unreconciled balance now stands at Rs. 1.15 lakhs as against Rs. 6.75 lakhs last year. The work of reconciling these accounts is being continued.
5. The advance of Rs.15,000 in respect of the sale of Urur House is still shown in the Sundry Creditors list, as the matter has not yet been disposed of by the Government of Tamilnadu.
6. The work of changing and improving the system of internal control has made progress in some respects, and the work is being continued.

Taking into consideration all the factors as commented upon above and shown in the accounts, the overall position of the finances of the Society is quite good.

**CURT BERG**

*Honorary Treasurer*



## INVESTMENTS

(as on 30-9-1987)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount	Rate
1.	Bank of India	101,000.00	11%
2.	Commercial Bank	141,000.00	11%
3.	M.C.C. Bank	1,20,000.00	11%
4.	Indian Bank	50,000.00	10%
5.	Canara Bank	1,20,000.00	10%
6.	State Bank of India	11%	

## ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30TH SEPTEMBER 1987

1.	State Authority of India	14%
2.	Indian Oil	14%
3.	Indian Economic Ltd.	14%
4.	Indian Petroleum Corporation Ltd.	14%
5.	Indian Heavy Industries Ltd.	14%
6.	General Corporation of India Ltd.	14%
Total Rs.	1,20,000	

## FOREIGN INVESTMENTS

1.	1% Commercial Bank of India	100,000
2.	1% National 1979-82 (94 Bonds of 1,000 each) @ DFL 1,000 each	100,000
3.	3% National Bonds of 1981-82 (92) @ DFL 1,000 each	100,000
4.	12 Bonds of 1% Bank V. National Corporation 1982-84 (100) @ DFL 1,000 each	100,000
5.	3% 1985 Participation in Asia Obligation Bonds @ DFL 1,000 each	100,000
Total Rs.	1,20,000	

# ADYAR BESANT COMMEMORATIVE FUND

## INVESTMENTS

(as on 30-9-1987)

S.No.	Particulars	Amount
		Rs.
1.	Bank of India	11 % ... 50,000
2.	Grindlays Bank	702,000 @ 11 % } ... 843,000
	141,000 @ 6½ % }	
3.	M.C.C. Bank	11½ % ... 50,000
4.	Indian Bank	2,208,000 @ 11 % } ... 2,228,000
	20,000 @ 10 % }	
5.	Canara Bank	300,000 @ 11 % } ... 315,000
	15,000 @ 10 % }	
6.	State Bank of India	11 % ... 40,000
7.	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.	14½ % ... 500,000
8.	Steel Authority of India Ltd.	14½ % ... 1,000,000
9.	Bharat Electronics Ltd.	14½ % ... 1,000,000
10.	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.	14½ % ... 490,000
11.	Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.	14½ % ... 200,000
12.	Cement Corporation of India Ltd.	14½ % ... 500,000
Total Rs.		7,216,000

## FOREIGN INVESTMENTS

1.	4% Canadian Pacific Railway Co. Debenture	\$ 3,000 ... 45,000
2.	4 Nedarlands 1979-85 / 94 Bonds of 9% @ DFL 1,000 each	DFL 4,000 ... 23,378
3.	20 Nedarlands Bonds of 1983-89 / 93 @ DFL 1,000 each	DFL 20,000 ... 116,891
4.	15 Bonds of 9% Bank V. Nedarland Gemeenten 1983-94 / 2,008 @ DFL 1,000 each	DFL 15,000 ... 87,668
5.	393-390 Participation in Amro Obligative Bonds @ DFL 178.12 each	DFL 70,070.62 ... 409,530
Total Rs.		7,898,467

# FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER 1987

	1985-86 Rs.	1986-87 Rs.
The Theosophical Society in Argentina	—	23,020
„ Australia	19,800	26,246
„ Austria	3,642	4,723
„ Belgium	6,544	8,181
„ Bolivia	615	—
„ Brazil	2,932	2,615
„ Burma	—	—
„ Canadian Section	2,514	2,702
„ Canadian Federation	367	451
„ Central America	1,417	2,411
„ Chile	883	—
„ Colombia	1,410	—
„ Cuba	—	—
„ Denmark	—	3,875
„ East & Central Africa	1,751	—
„ England	17,906	11,344
„ Finland	—	9,293
„ France	24,276	57,015
„ Germany	5,397	25,812
„ Greece	—	—
„ Iceland	—	4,034
„ India	20,033	—
„ Indonesia	—	—
„ Ireland	52	2,195
„ Italy	5,355	9,878
„ Malaysia	—	—
„ Mexico	2,327	—
„ Netherlands	—	26,310
„ New Zealand	—	10,874
„ North Ireland	—	66
„ Norway	—	652
„ Pakistan	—	—
„ Philippines	—	4,793
„ Portugal	—	639
„ Puerto Rico	2,345	2,394
„ Scotland	545	—
„ Southern Africa	521	279
„ Sri Lanka	—	—
„ Spain	1,531	3,533
„ Sweden	2,484	3,242
„ Switzerland	1,734	5,861
„ Uruguay	1,095	1,468
„ U.S.A.	—	—
„ Venezuela	1,190	648
„ Wales	1,009	—
„ West Africa	2,333	1,195
„ Yugoslavia	7,994	484
Lodges attached to Adyar	5,465	4,615
Fellows at large	1,662	833
	<u>147,129</u>	<u>261,681</u>

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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT

Previous Year		LIABILITIES	Schedule No.	Current Year	
Rs.	Rs.			Rs.	Rs.
		<b>General Fund:</b>			
	10,088,990	Balance as per last Balance Sheet		12,039,683	
	594,956	Add: Donations for Capital Additions		590,000	
	61,280	Donations for additional printing Machine		—	
	128,112	Land acquisition compensation		—	
	—	Sale consideration for Kotagiri property		200,000	
	47,986	Grants for Purchase of Equipment for Adyar Library		37,627	
	12,654	Rights Distribution—Union Carbide		—	
	31,557	Transfer of Casuarina Reserve		—	
	754,151	Transfer of Capital Expenditure Fund		—	
	414,870	Transfer from Adyar Estate Improvement Fund		677,896	
	—	Transfer of Gratuity Reserve from certain Depts.		43,789	
	—	Transfer of Juhu Property Bldg. Fund		24,000	
	—	Transfer of Miscellaneous Non-corpus Funds on Merger		19,676	
	12,134,556			13,632,671	
	—	Less: Adjustment on account of TPH Investments relating to an earlier year		505,000	
				13,127,671	
	12,134,556	Add: Surplus for the year		35,870	13,163,541
	94,873 (Deficit)				
12,039,683		<b>Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund</b>		8,622,363	
	6,835,997	<b>Other Funds</b>	5	5,636,650	14,259,013
10,958,744	4,122,747	<b>Current Liabilities and Provisions</b>	6		
	1,225,081	Current Liabilities		1,143,506	
	273,220	Provisions		220,213	1,363,719
1,498,301		<b>Notes on Accounts</b>	7		
24,496,728					28,786,273

In the opinion of the Committee the Current Assets, Loans and Advances are approximately of the value stated if realised in the ordinary course of transacting the affairs of the Society and the Provision made in the accounts for all known liabilities is adequate.

MADRAS  
21-12-1987

RADHA S. BURNIER  
President

CURT BERG  
Hony. Treasurer



## 30th SEPTEMBER 1987

This is the Balance Sheet referred to in our Report of even date.

# THE THEOSOPHICAL

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Previous Year		EXPENDITURE	Current Year	
Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
		<b>Departmental Results:</b>		
	— 184,518	Adyar Library ...	— 138,457	
	— 18,241	Bhojanasala ...	— 12,234	
	— 79,905	Garden ...	— 11,940	
	— 32,865	Leadbeater Chambers ...	— 27,713	
	— 448,136	Maintenance ...	— 718,293	
	+ 161,545	Theosophical Publishing House ...	+ 425,438	
	— 61,461	Vasanta Press ...	+ 87,785	
663,581				395,414
		<b>Establishment and other Expenses:</b>		
	20,000	Contribution to Schools ...	35,000	
	41,670	Contribution to Adyar Library ...	—	
	2,732	Deposit Linked Insurance ...	3,167	
	546	Insurance Fund Administration ...	634	
	20,804	Dispensary ...	23,744	
	20,538	Deepavali Gift ...	20,730	
	18,805	Estate Management ...	16,727	
	4,163	Insurance Premium ...	2,014	
	26,521	Headquarters ...	29,627	
	1,913	Information and Public Relations ...	4,558	
	74,619	International Offices ...	82,696	
	129,098	Legal and Audit Expenses ...	55,515	
	5,724	Miscellaneous ...	16,826	
	35,995	Motor Car Maintenance ...	12,423	
	46,929	Movable Properties Department ...	58,422	
	4,950	Museum and Archives ...	15,032	
	27,468	Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ...	33,713	
	21,893	Printing and Stationery ...	29,872	
	2,021	P.F. Administration Charges ...	3,987	
	23,235	Retirement Allowances ...	21,482	
	16,827	Sanitary Department ...	17,059	
	209,309	Security Department ...	208,257	
	8,961	School of the Wisdom ...	—	
	42,368	Taxes ...	40,386	
	3,769	Travelling and Conveyance ...	2,556	
	—	Bad debts written off ...	75	
	31,401	Repairs to Buildings ...	9,083	
		Bank Charges ...	1,872	
842,259				745,457
19,343		<b>Provision for Gratuity</b>		—
		<b>Depreciation on:</b>		
	231,766	Immovable Property and Compound Wall ...	289,286	
	19,502	Adyar Library Building ...	19,502	
	1,649	Film Projector, Air-conditioners, Tape-Recorders etc. ...	1,570	
	1,949	Motor Cars ...	1,559	
	10,961	Movable Properties ...	12,927	
265,827				324,844
—		Transfer to Adyar Estate Improvement Fund ...		350,000
—		Surplus (After effecting transfer to reserves) transferred to General Fund ...		35,870
1,791,010				1,851,585

# SOCIETY, ADYAR, MADRAS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 1987

Previous Year	INCOME			Current Year
Rs.				Rs.
174,548	Donations received	...	...	157,366
147,129	Fees and Dues received	...	...	261,681
1,146,067	Interest and Dividends	...	...	1,231,712
55,000	Licence Fee received	...	...	45,000
21,653	Overhead Charges	...	...	—
151,056	Quarters Maintenance	...	...	145,443
—	Income from Surat Property	...	...	3,000
—	Exchange Fluctuation	...	...	1,519
684	Miscellaneous Receipts	...	...	5,864
94,873	Excess of Expenditure over Income (after effecting transfer to reserves) transferred to General Fund	...	...	—
1,791,010				1,851,585

# THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, MADRAS

## SCHEDULE 1

### FIXED ASSETS AS AT 30-9-1987

PARTICULARS	GROSS BLOCK				DEPRECIATION			NET BLOCK	
	As at 30-9-1986 At Cost or Written Down Value	Additions	Deduc- tion	As at 30-9-1987	Upto 30-9-1986	For the year	Upto 30-9-1987	As at 30-9-1986	As at 30-9-1987
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Land and Development* ...	184,735*	—	—	184,735	—	—	—	184,735	184,735
Buildings* ...	8,180,770*	1,822,541	—	10,003,311	2,362,100	309,788	2,671,888	5,818,670	7,331,423
Plant and Machinery ...	706,075	69,626	—	775,701	—	114,612	114,612	706,075	661,089
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipments ...	326,008	71,668	—	397,676	—	58,663	58,663	326,008	339,013
Electrical Installations ...	85,077	10,472	—	95,549	—	10,388	10,388	85,077	85,161
Vehicles and Live-Stock ...	11,808	—	—	11,808	—	2,309	2,309	11,808	9,499
Books and Manuscripts* ...	282,553*	16,556	—	299,109	—	—	—	282,553	299,109
	9,777,026	1,990,863	—	11,767,889	2,362,100	495,760	2,857,860	7,414,926	8,910,029
Capital Work-in-Progress: at Cost ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,222,089	349,794
								8,637,015	9,259,823

\*At Cost



## THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

BUDGET FOR 1987-88

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
	Rs.		Rs.
<b>Special Departments:</b>		<b>Special Departments:</b>	
Adyar Library ...	253,200	Adyar Library ...	121,000
Bhojanasala ...	86,750	Bhojanasala ...	71,000
Garden ...	209,000	Garden ...	230,000
Leadbeater Chambers ...	86,800	Leadbeater Chambers ...	70,500
Maintenance ...	883,300	Maintenance ...	287,000
Adyar Newsletter ...	15,600	Adyar Newsletter ...	14,000
The Theosophist ...	177,765	The Theosophist ...	136,380
Theosophical Publishing House ...	417,100	Theosophical Publishing House ...	1,362,700
Vasanta Press ...	320,050	Vasanta Press ...	340,864
Contribution to Schools ...	30,000	Donations ...	30,000
Deepavali Gift ...	25,000	Fees and Dues ...	200,000
Deposit Linked Insurance ...	3,200	Interest (net) ...	1,200,000
Dispensary ...	25,000	Licence Fee ...	60,000
Estate Management ...	20,000	Quarters Maintenance ...	150,000
Headquarters ...	30,000	School of The Wisdom ...	20,000
Fire Insurance ...	3,000	Social Welfare ...	15,000
Information and Public Relations ...	5,000		
International Offices ...	90,000		
Legal and Audit Expenses ...	50,000		
Motor Car Maintenance ...	12,000		
Movable Properties ...	70,000		
Museum & Archives ...	20,000		
Postage, Telegrams etc. ...	40,000		
Printing and Stationery ...	35,000		
P.F. and E.S.I. Fund ...	4,000		
Retirement Allowance ...	25,000		
Sanitary Department ...	18,000		
Security Department ...	250,000		
Social Welfare Centre ...	15,000		
School of The Wisdom ...	20,000		
Travelling and Conveyance ...	3,000		
Provision for Gratuity ...	15,000		
Water Supply and Sewage ...	100,000		
Building Maintenance ...	500,000		
Depreciation ...	400,000		
Excess of Income over Expenditure	50,679		
	43,08,444		43,08,444



HEADQUARTERS  
ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020  
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## OFFICERS AND HEADS OF DEPARTMENT FOR 1988

### Executive Committee:

- |                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Mrs Radha Burnier   | <i>President</i>      |
| 2. Mr Surendra Narayan | <i>Vice-President</i> |
| 3. Mr Conrad Jamieson  | <i>Secretary</i>      |
| 4. Mr Curt Berg        | <i>Treasurer</i>      |
| 5. Mr S.S. Varma       |                       |
| 6. Mr Ch. Sankar Rao   |                       |
| 7. Mrs Norma Y. Sastry |                       |
| 8. Mr K. Visvanathan   |                       |
| 9. Mr R. Gopalaratnam  |                       |

**General Manager:** Mrs Norma Y. Sastry

**Adyar Library:** *Director:* Dr K.K. Raja

*Librarian:* Mrs Seetha Neelakantan

**Archives:** Mr Baden Offord

**Bhojanasala:** Mr K. Ramanathan

**Bookshop:** Mr G. Naganathan

**Garden Department:** Captain S.P. Venkatesh  
Mr John Ryan

**Information Officer:** Mr C. Seshadri

**Leadbeater Chambers:** M/s Saranya Sterling

**Maintenance Department:** Mr R.M. Tolani  
Mr B. Milne

**Medical and Sanitary Department:** Dr S.V. Joseph

**Movable Properties Department:** Mr S.M. Amarnath Rao

**School of the Wisdom:** Mr Conrad Jamieson

**Security Department:** Mr D.V. Subramaniam

**Theosophical Publishing House:** *Manager:* Mr R. Gopalaratnam  
*Editor:* Mr John Clarke

**The Theosophist:** *Assistant Editor:* Prof. S.R. Swaminathan

**Vasanta Press:** *Manager:* Mr B.K. Rao

## THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

The Theosophical Publishing House in Adyar has had a further appreciable increase in sales since last year. Over 30 books have been reprinted during the year and two books are under publication, namely '*Letters from a Sufi Teacher*' by Sri Baijnath Singh and '*Buddhist Meditation*' by Mr Rimpoché. The covers and jackets of several of the recent reprints and publications have been newly designed and well received. Under the Book Gift scheme several Lodges have been supplied with books and particularly to the West African section.

Life subscriptions to 'The Theosophist' have been steadily received and for the same scheme introduced in the year for 'Adyar Newsletter' has had a good response. Lodges have also been offered a 15 year 'long term' subscription rate and this could be taken advantage of by many more Lodges.

The construction of the new building for The Theosophical Publishing House is almost complete and will be formally opened during the Convention.

R. GOPALARATNAM  
Manager

## THE ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

The year 1986 was a land mark in the history of the Adyar Library, when it completed one hundred years of its illustrious existence. Founded on 28th December 1886, its inauguration was a unique occasion with representatives of major religions of the world participating in it.

Philanthropic organisations and individuals were approached for donations to create an Endowment fund. A special exhibition presenting the history of the library was organised. The special Centenary Celebration meeting was held on 28 December 1986, with the Vice-President of India, Sri R. Venkataraman presiding. In his address he said:

'The Theosophical Society has, over the last century, contributed greatly towards keeping the torch of the spirit ablaze. And within the Theosophical Society it was the Adyar Library that supplied a continuing stream of intellectual energy. It has dur-

ing the last hundred years, served to nourish free and liberal thinking and has thereby influenced modern philosophical thought. As we commemorate the completion of a hundred years of the Library, we in fact, commemorate an outstanding event in the history of India's place in human thought and civilization'.

Others who participated at this meeting were Mrs Pupul Jayakar, Adviser to the Prime Minister of India on Cultural Resources and Heritage, who earlier opened the special exhibition in the Library premises; Mrs Radha Burnier, the International President of the Theosophical Society, welcomed the gathering; and Dr K. Kunjunni Raja, Director of the library, spoke of the Library's achievements and potentialities.

On this occasion four of our special publications, namely *Caturdasalaksani*, *Naisadhananda*, *Siddhantapanjara*, *Jivamuktiviveka* (Tamil translation) and the

Golden Jubilee volume of the *Brahmavidya*, and the Adyar Library Bulletin, were released. The wide publicity given in the various media not only added to the number of users of the Library but also to the donation of a considerable number of books.

*Colloquium*: Three more Colloquia were organized during the year under report: November 3-8 1986 on 'Problems of Communications' (Series II) at Adyar. April 2-6 1987 on 'Modern Trends in Linguistics' at Bhuvaneshwar jointly with the Govt. of India's Language Institute Mysore; and June 10-13, 1987 on 'Relations in Philosophy' at Adyar. The average attendance at each of these gatherings was about 25. Cassettes of the proceedings of November 1986 were transcribed and are in the press. The Ford Foundation, New Delhi has extended the period of grant for one more year, i.e. until September 1988 so that all the proceedings can be published.

*Staff*: Miss C. Yamuna who joined the Library staff on 1 June 1963 retired from service due to ill health. During the past 24 years she has served the institution in various capacities. We wish to place on record our grateful thanks for her unstinting and willing help during these twenty-four years of service. Several members assist with work in the Library. Mrs Sonal Murali, who joined the Library staff as an assistant to the office, has been appointed as the Assistant Librarian since June 1987.

*Publications*: Besides the special release during the Centenary celebrations, others brought out during the year are: *Samnyasa-paddhati*, (ALS 114) and reprints of texts of the *Sakta* and *Samanya Vedanta Upanisad-s* (ALS 10 and ALS 7) besides the *Laghuyogavasistha* (ALG 3).

The Adyar Library Bulletin, *Brahmavidya*, has 83 subscribers, 81 exchanges and 10 Life Members.

The volume for 1987, to be released in December 1987, is a special number being a felicitation volume to the well-known American Indologist, Dr Ludo Rocher, on his completion of sixty years. The following publications are in the Press:

*Rasakalika* by Rudra Bhatta, a work on poetics with an extensive introduction and English translation.

*Udararaghava*, a poetic work, edited by Prof. T. Venkatacharya with three hitherto unpublished commentaries; and a reprint of vol. 2 of the *Dasopanisad-s* with the *Advaitic* commentary of Upanisad Brahmayogin.

Services rendered: 7,611 xerox photocopies were supplied.

*Repair and Preservations*: In the Library's binding section 655 books, journals and pamphlets were repaired and bound. The addition of a cutting machine with a grant from the Government of India greatly facilitates the work in this section. Three volumes of *The Theosophist*, one volume of the *Common Weal* and 11 books were hand laminated.

*Acquisition and Cataloguing*: During the year 2742 books were added to the Library's collections. We express our appreciation and thanks to all the Theosophical Publishing Houses for sending their reprints and new publications besides translations of many Theosophical books in other languages.

*Manuscripts*: Thirty-two palmleaf manuscripts were presented to the Library by Sri P. Meenakshisundaram and two MSS by S. Lakshminarayan, both residents of Madras.

*Works Used*: The Library has 557 readers, 302 borrowers from the city and residents. 2178 manuscripts, 48509 books and journals were consulted in the Library premises, and 6079 books were loaned out.

*Research Scholars:* The Library's collections of books and manuscripts were utilised by research scholars, professors and students from India and abroad for their studies and many visitors were attracted by our unique collections.

*Donations:* A number of friends, well-wishers and Organizations contributed

liberally to the Adyar Library Endowment Fund. We extend our grateful thanks to all those who contributed whatever amount was possible for them, making a total of Rs. 87,417.12

MRS SEETHA NEELAKANTAN  
Librarian

## THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

### *October-December 1986 session*

The Director of Studies for this session was Mrs Seetha Neelakantan who presented the theme 'Man in the Universe' to students from some six countries.

The presentations dealt with the exploration of man as an intrinsic part of an ongoing cosmic process of evolution. The course included in-depth examination of such subjects as the The Absolute and Manifestation, Time, Space and Causation Consciousness and Creative Energy; Evolution and the Unfolding of Consciousness and Man's Level of Awareness and Innate Powers.

Supplementary Studies included Theosophy and The Theosophical Society, J. Krishnamurti and his philosophy; selections from the *Stanzas of Dzyan* and *Formalized and Non-formalized Religion*. Training workshops, student research and extra-mural lectures provided a satisfying course.

### *January-March 1987 session*

This was conducted by Dr R.R. Bakshi a deep student of Eastern Philosophy. The course attracted sixty-six students from eighteen countries. As some could not remain for the whole course the average attendance was forty.

Dr Bakshi dwelt exhaustively on the theme 'Mysticism in Religions and Philosophies of the World', covering the essential aspects of mysticism inherent in both ancient and modern religions and philosophies and the path to union with Reality indicated therein.

Afternoon lectures on various Theosophical subjects were given by Mrs Seetha Neelakantan, Messrs C.R.N. Swamy, Conrad Jamieson, R.V. Ramani and Dr Phan Chon Ton. Extra-mural public lectures attracted large audiences.

## THEOSOPHICAL ORDER OF SERVICE

Though not officially part of the T.S. the objects of the T.O.S. are a practical way of applying Theosophical principles.

The T.O.S. in Australia has put special emphasis on work for the elimination of the drug problem and in each state assists the Life Education Programme which

teaches children the value of the quality of life and to respect their bodies. Support for the Buddhist Orphanage in Bangladesh continues and the Refugee-Council of Australia. Most Lodges in East and Central Africa engage in T.O.S. activities of various kinds such as funding



water supplies and hospitals and supplying clothing and tricycles for disabled persons.

In England, activities are mainly confined to fund raising for various international charities and the sponsoring of children.

France directs most of its activities to countries outside Europe, collecting and distributing clothes, medicines, etc. as well as sponsoring children. Locally, lonely and sick people are visited.

India has a large network of centres comprising 19 regional and 85 local units providing a wide variety of services to the needy. These activities have included providing wheel chairs, artificial limbs and several hundred free eye-cataract operations; scholarships and uniforms for children; disaster relief and distribution of medicines, blankets and clothes. Much work is done for animal welfare.

Mexico has projects to promote environmental protection and animal welfare.

## THEOSOPHY / SCIENCE REPORT, 1987

The activities of the Theosophy Science Group were mainly centred around the publication of the Silver Jubilee Souvenir and the Bulletin. The broad aim of this endeavor has been to offer a forum for the scientific and intellectual humanity—in so far as we know and are able to contact them—to come together and holistically feel, think and act on the primary assumption that being human we are deeply and holistically interested in human and world welfare. The intelligentsia drawn from not only the scientific but other fields, think and act differently from the theosophical way. But, the result of this publication is to make us understand deeply

The T.O.S. in New Zealand continues to assist the needy and the aged as well as contributing to the support of Day Care Centres in the Philippines.

Pakistan operates a free Montessori School and assists pupils to receive college education. There are major departments for Art, Education and Animal Welfare.

Switzerland's major activities include helping refugees from the East living in Switzerland, helping to support the Olcott Memorial School and the T.S. Social Welfare Centre in Adyar.

USA has separate departments for Animal Welfare, Arts, Music, Ecology, Healing, Peace, Parents' groups and Social Service. The Parents' group publishes Parents' Bulletins and *A Theosophical Guide for Parents*, U.S. \$ 10. Regular visits are made to five prisons. Several countries report that they engage in Peace and or Health Meditation.

that such divergences are fewer than we generally think. In fact, a significant number of the intelligentsia appreciated our efforts and it appeared as though they were waiting for the call to come from us.

May we sanguinely hope that more and more of such humanity who show empathy and deep concern for world welfare will come together as brothers and sisters recognizing that the Theosophical Society and its service branches such as the Science Group offer a welcome forum for such holistic welfare activities.

A. KANNAN

## T. S. ARCHIVES

After many years devoted to the work of the T.S. Archives, Mr C.R.N. Swamy retired due to ill-health. Mr Swamy had carried on C. Jinarajadasa's tradition of preserving the historical records of the T.S. with equal enthusiasm and delight. The two other workers, Ms Elizabeth Sterling and Mr Christopher Macfarlane also ceased to work in the Archives.

From 1 July 1987 the Officer-in-Charge has been Mr Baden Offord. There was a constant demand by visiting scholars, students and T.S. members for information and copies of documents. The most researched area of the Archives this past year has been Dr Annie Besant. Two English scholars, Dr L. Radice and Ms Anne Taylor, spent some weeks researching Dr Besant's records, Ms Carolie Wilson from Australia did research on Maria Montessori for her Doctorate and Mrs Sita Raman from the University of California was very interested in the impact of the T.S. Education in South India.

Unfortunately due to a lack of staff the preservation programme has been temporarily halted until the proposed

extension of premises for Archives takes place, which is envisaged for mid-1988. It will then be possible to initiate a programme of comprehensive preservation, spread over a few years. Once we have caught up, and as there is a limited number of old records needing attention, the work will consist in indexing and cataloguing materials for ready access.

During the year there was an influx of material from all over the world, but mainly from India. The discovery of J. Krishnamurti's membership form (1911) indicates that there are valuable historical records still to be placed in the T.S. Archives.

It is important to understand that Adyar is the most valuable repository of theosophical history extant and we must ensure that it is permanently cared for in the best way possible. Future generations of Theosophists will benefit greatly from these Archives as they record the lives and work of eminent Theosophists.

BADEN OFFORD  
*Officer-in-charge*

# SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1987

National Sections (Active)	40
Presidential Agencies (Active)	5
Regional Associations formed under Rule 35 (c)	3
Total Lodges	1,072
Study Centres	116
Total Membership 1986	33,086
Total Membership 1987	32,566

	No. of Lodges & Study Centres	No. of Members	
27. Ireland, Rep. of	1	64	(1985)
28. Italy	46	1,069	
29. Malaysia	3	80	
30. Mexico	10	230	
31. Netherlands, The	18	772	
32. New Zealand	16	1,671	
33. Norway	5	62	
34. Pakistan	4	131	(1986)
35. Philippines, The	13	270	
36. Portugal	12	272	
37. Puerto Rico	2	126	
38. Scotland	7	117	
39. Spain	19	643	
40. Sri Lanka	8	128	(1986)
41. Sweden	7	218	
42. Switzerland	7	124	
43. U.S.A.	152	5,060	
44. Uruguay	7	103	(1986)
45. Venezuela	2	92	
46. Wales	2	63	
47. Yugoslavia	3	48	

	No. of Lodges & Study Centres	No. of Members	
1. Africa, East & Central	20	905	
2. Africa, South	6	317	
3. Africa, West	13	335	
4. America, Central	10	126	
5. Argentina	26	583	
6. Australia	12	1,274	
7. Austria	4	194	
8. Belgium	8	150	
9. Bolivia	4	50	
10. Brazil	44	934	
11. Burma	6	84	
12. Canada	9	244	
13. Canadian Federation	8	99	(1986)
14. Chile	5	53	
15. Colombia	9	152	
16. Cuba	19	447	
17. Denmark	16	624	
18. England	70	1,603	
19. Finland	23	472	
20. France	34	1,059	
21. Germany, West	10	255	
22. Greece	7	208	
23. Iceland	9	425	
24. India	439	9,580	
25. Indonesia	19	645	
26. Ireland, N.	2	46	

## Lodges attached directly to Adyar

1. Bangladesh	1	33	
2. Cameroun	1	73	(1986)
3. Dominican Republic	1	10	
4. Hong Kong	1	15	(1983)
5. Israel	2	23	
6. Japan	2	37	
7. Korea	1	13	
8. Peru	1	58	(1982)
9. Singapore	1	52	
10. Suriname	1	10	(1985)
11. Fellows at Large —		35	

Total	1,188	32,566
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## REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES

### AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

## REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES OF NATIONAL SOCIETIES, PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES, REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS, FEDERATION SECRETARIES, ETC.

(Where necessary, reports have been translated,  
edited or condensed.)





## REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES

### AFRICA, EAST AND CENTRAL

The headquarters of the Section has been moved to Nairobi, Kenya from Mufulira, Zambia with the election of Mr Kiren H. Shah of Kenya as the General Secretary during the 34th Annual Convention in April 1987.

Other office-bearers elected at the Convention included: Asst. General Secretary for Kenya: Mr Virchand M. Shah, Asst. General Secretary for Tanzania: Mr Kantibhai N. Patel, Asst. General Secretary for Zambia: Mr Kanoobhai A. Patel, National Lecturer Mr Reuben Thuku. Prof. Harry Upadhyay was the Guest Speaker, who later visited all the major towns of Kenya, Zambia and Tanzania giving public lectures and conducting study classes for members. Several other overseas visitors also gave public lectures and helped to propagate Theosophy.

Our National Lecturer Mr Reuben Thuku has done a tremendous work in the propagation of Theosophy since 1979 extensively travelling in all major towns and districts in Kenya, Tanzania and Zambia. He also gave talks in schools,

colleges and other educational institutions. An estimated 30,000 students and members of the public listened to his talks during the year.

Seminars have been held in Kenya, Zambia and Tanzania. Lodges have been very active. The bookstall at Nairobi continues to expand and efforts are being made to sell our literature through local shops.

We now have 905 members: 435 in Kenya, 352 in Tanzania and 118 in Zambia. There is a possibility of Zimbabwe joining our Section in the future. As soon as the situation permits we intend to revive our work in Uganda, where all the Lodges were closed in 1972. More members are attending studies and giving talks both at Lodge meetings and seminars. It is heartening to record that more and more indigenous members are taking an interest in the work and holding office.

The Theosophical Order of Service is active giving assistance in many ways to many people.

MR KIRAN H. SHAH  
*General Secretary*

### AFRICA, SOUTH

Our work in the Section, on the whole, continues to progress and we are, so to say, witnessing an upsurge of interest in the teachings of Theosophy all round and an increase of 29 members bringing the total membership to 317.

The Lodges have been very active with public meetings being very well attended. The Harare Lodge, in spite of certain

difficulties continues to operate. A wonderful recovery has been made by the Johannesburg Lodge.

Four Executive Committee meetings and one National Council meeting were held during the year under review.

Our Annual Convention was held in Pretoria this year, the theme being 'How to Give Theosophy to Today's World'.

This proved very thought provoking and a great many new ideas were brought forward in the discussions.

A highlight during the year was a visit by Prof Robert Ellwood of the University of Southern California to Cape Town, Pretoria and Johannesburg Lodges to meet members with a couple of talks

thrown in.

The *Link* magazine has been renamed *The Southern African Theosophist*.

Our 1988 Annual Convention will be held over the Easter period in Durban.

MR ARTHUR BUNTON  
General Secretary

## AMERICA, CENTRAL

No Report

## ARGENTINA

In November 1986, Mr Juan Carlos Palmeri after many years of service relinquished the office of General Secretary. The new General Secretary is Mr Manuel Farinich. In collaboration with the Inter-American Federation a successful seminar on *The Secret Doctrine* was held.

From 14 to 21 February children and adult days at San Rafael and Mendoza were well attended. Following this, in March the National Extraordinary Congress was held.

A special event was the tour in April of the International President, Mrs Radha Burnier who lectured in six major cities.

*The Secret Doctrine* was the subject of study in the July Winter School. Forty-

eight members attended, nine of whom were from Bolivia and two from Uruguay.

Three books in Spanish were published: *Los Suenos*, by H.P.B.; *Los Principios*, by Annie Besant; and *Luz en el Sendero* (Comments by Radha Burnier). Further publications to appear are: *Dharma* by Annie Besant; *Busca el Sendero* by Rohit Mehta; *La Meditacion* by Clara Codd and *El Gayatri* by I.K. Taimni. Our informative bi-monthly bulletin continues.

The further development of the Colony San Rafael is being studied with the object of facilitating its use by members of neighbouring Sections.

MR MANUEL FARINICH  
General Secretary

## AUSTRALIA

The move to new premises disrupted the smooth running of the work at Headquarters, but the wonderful atmosphere of the new building seems to be generating new energies.

The Annual Convention was held at Brisbane with the theme, 'Implications of the Theosophical World View'. The guest speaker, Mrs Emily Sellon gave two

very stimulating lectures and workshops on this theme. Supporting lectures explored the concepts found in the World View.

The T.O.S. session was of special interest as the speaker was the Rev. Ted Noffs who spoke on the subject of 'The Drug War. A Spiritual Crisis'. This was attended by many people from other organizations.

The General Secretary, owing to the moving of premises had to limit her travel around the Section but managed to visit several Lodges and conduct some one-day seminars.

Phil Harris, the National Lecturer has completed four years in office. His loyalty and service is much appreciated. He is succeeded by Miss Shirley Macpherson of Adelaide Lodge as National Lecturer.

Emily Sellon of New York as well as being guest speaker for Convention toured the main Lodges of the Section. Gordon Limbrick, Canada, a supporting speaker for Convention also conducted a study class at Blavatsky Lodge. Many members visited other Lodges to give lectures and workshops.

The magazine, *Theosophy in Australia* was published quarterly with a special Convention issue in August. Different cover designs have been used for each issue.

The Lodges are very active with workshops study groups and lectures. Study Centres are proving popular and several new ones have started.

During the past year work went on as usual. All four branches held weekly lectures and study groups. At Graz, two regular study groups were held fortnightly. One group studied the 'Golden Stairs' and the other, John Algeo's article, 'Theosophy—A Road in a Pathless Land'. At Linz, a group studied Dr Lauppert's book 'The Unity of All Life'. Another group studied 'The Seven Rays'. In Vienna, there were regular discussion groups and lectures.

The General Secretary and the Treasurer attended the meeting of the European

The Mt. Helena Centre of Theosophy near Perth has been active and a fourth chalet with improved facilities is being built. The Radcliffe Centre, Adelaide still provides accommodation for visiting speakers and T.S. members. Theosophical activities continue.

Membership is 1,274 with 12 Lodges. New members receive introductory instruction letters each month. The New South Wales Education Department has included Comparative Religion in its syllabus, as a result the T.S. was invited to address high school students in several schools.

Bookshops attached to the larger Lodges provide an excellent outlet for theosophical literature. The Quest Book Agency has been taken over by the Blavatsky Lodge and the activities of the agency have been expanded.

The activities of the past year reflect a period of change and growth in many areas of theosophical work.

MISS DIANNE KYNASTON  
*General Secretary*

## AUSTRIA

Council at the Summer School of the German Section in St. Martin in July 1987.

Our 'Adyar-Verlag' at Graz published in November 1986 Dr Lauppert's book '*Die Einheit allen Lebens*' (*The Unity of All Life*). In April and May 1987, new German editions of the following books were published: Annie Besant's '*The Doctrine of the Heart*', H.P.B.'s '*Practical Occultism*' and N. Sri Ram's '*Thoughts for Aspirants*'.

MRS MARGARET LAUPPERT  
*General Secretary*

## BELGIUM

The Summer School of the Latin Countries organized by the Belgian Section in Spa was a real success, with 130 participants.

The work of all the Lodges has been equal and in many cases better than in the preceding year(s). Yet, there was a diminution of 8 in total membership of the Section which now totals 150.

The fortnightly study course of Theosophy in Brussels had an average attendance of 25 persons and the public lectures every Saturday, on subjects pertaining more or less to the three Objects, averaged 35 persons.

The Central Lodge of Brussels, study-

ing the thought of J. Krishnamurti, gathered monthly an average of 10 participants.

The Brussels Lodge with its 3 lessons of Astrology every week had 15 assiduous students, divided into three classes. The fees paid by the students and the benefit on the script sold to them are sent regularly to Adyar for the Olcott School, as also the benefit on the sale of tape-records of public lectures.

The other Lodges continue to present public lectures and study courses.

DR H. VAN DER HECHT  
General Secretary

## BRAZIL

The Section showed greater stability and progress during the year. We are pleased to report that two study groups which were previously Lodges have returned to Lodge status bringing the number of Lodges to 37. Membership is 934.

A regional meeting of the Northern Lodges in October 1986 resulted in the coordination and integration of these Lodges.

The Eighth Summer School attended by approximately 80 people was held in conjunction with the first National Meeting of Officials of the T.S. for the whole of Brazil.

Each year, the Himalaya Lodge in Niterou combines in a meeting with the

Lodge of Rio de Janeiro.

Lodges were visited by the President and Vice-President who gave lectures and conducted study groups.

The Section statutes and by-laws are being reformulated.

Besides *O Teosofista*, the official organ, the Section edits the magazine 'Cibla' and when finance is available, publishes *Logos*, the journal of the Research Centre for Theosophy and Science.

A seminar commemorating the centenary of *The Secret Doctrine* is planned for the ninth Summer School in January 1988.

MR JOAO BAPTISTA BRITO PINTO  
General Secretary



## BURMA

The 75th Annual Convention was a time of joy, honour and pride as well as a period for reflection and resolution.

It has been heartening to have many young dynamic, dedicated young members take key positions in Lodges in place of elders who are unable to continue. This bodes well for the future of the Society.

The Lodges and two centres celebrated the Anniversary Days. The Library has purchased some second hand books and received a generous donation of H.P.B.'s *Collected Writings* Vol. 12, 13 and 14 and five copies of the *Union of all Faiths*.

U. MAUNG GHYT  
General Secretary

## CANADA

There was no special project or enterprise this past year by the Canadian Section. A decline in membership was particularly severe this year, and mostly from one location. Membership in the West shows very slight growth over deaths and dropouts, both as to Lodges and members-at large.

A new study centre, the Dharma Study Centre was formed in Alberta earlier this year. The western Lodges reflect vigour. I wish that I could report the same for the eastern. One eastern Lodge changed to Study Centre status and one

has relinquished its building.

Much publicity plus effort for full Lodge operation are needed to revitalize our eastern Lodges and former Lodge. The idea of sponsoring more travelling lecturers across the country, both from abroad and from Canada has been discussed with the Board of Directors. The Canadian Section would assist with expenses.

The Canadian Section has the potential to lead a full life in bringing the message of the Great White Lodge to the people.

MR S. L. TRELOAR  
General Secretary

## CHILE

The activities of the Society have taken place in the cities of Santiago, Limache and Valparaiso.

In Santiago, where the Theosophical Society is based, conferences open to the public have been given every Saturday from March to December. Apart from theosophical subjects, papers were read about the advantages of a vegetarian diet.

Conferences were given with slides on the subjects 'The Chakras', and 'Man Visible and Invisible'. A study cycle continues on the work of I.K. Taimni entitled 'Secret of Self Realization' and one

about reincarnation and other themes. Also 'Courses of Basic Theosophy' were held and a 'Workshop of Preparation'. In Santiago between March and December five Lodges functioned regularly. During summer some Lodges continued working. For four weeks a cycle of conferences was given in which people who had not previously read in public took part. Frequently there were fine expositions, which led to new lectures being incorporated.

The library is open to the public twice a week.

**Bookshop:** In Santiago and Limache theosophical books are sold. The Institution magazine 'Theosophy Review' appears every three months. Three magazines are joined. Several valuable unedited books were translated into Spanish, also *Hidden Wisdom in the Holy Bible* by Geoffrey Hodson. In Valparaiso a Study Group has opened. The Conference Hall is being renovated to make it attrac-

tive. A first floor room has been decorated for the reception of visitors and enquirers.

With the object of making progress, the activities of other Theosophical Societies are being studied with a view to applying the results in Chile.

MAURICIO FROIMOVICH S  
*General Secretary*

## COLOMBIA

Membership is distributed over eight lodges. 500 copies of our monthly bulletin is sent to members, also a monthly study guide for 20 months from date of joining.

Public meetings are held on Sundays and distributed to member lodges by cassette.

GABRIEL BURGOS S.  
*General Secretary*

## CUBA

The visit by the International President did much to revitalise the work in the Section by drawing new members and increased attendance at meetings.

Lectures and studies of Theosophical books continues in the Lodges. The Theo-

sophical Memorial Days are observed. Publication of the magazine, *Revista Teosofica Cubana* as well as translations of Dr I.K. Taimni's books continues.

DR LUIS MANUEL CELEMA DELGADO  
*General Secretary*

## DENMARK

There has been an increase in membership from 606 to 624 members. We participated in a public exhibition 'Spirit, Soul and Body' which 12,000 people attended and we distributed 5,000 pamphlets about Theosophy and the Theosophical Society.

C.W. Leadbeater's *Man Visible and Invisible* was reprinted.

We held two summer seminars with over 100 participants with a very short visit from Mrs Seetha Neelakantan because of her broken leg. On the local radio our editor Mr Niels Bransted has given 6 hours of lessons on Theosophy.

MARION BENNIS  
*General Secretary*

## ENGLAND

The section has 70 Lodges and Centres, the total membership is 1603.

Seymour Ballard was appointed assistant editor of the Journal with the General Secretary as editor with overall responsibility for its contents. The Olcott Letter is sent bi-monthly to the unattached

members. A bi-monthly information newsletter called INSIGHT is sent to all unattached members and a number of Lodges. It includes reviews of tape-recorded lectures and seminars plus a diary of activities not itemized in other journals.

At 50 Gloucester Place, London twelve seminars and workshops were held. 'Healing with Colour' was the most popular. Of the twentyseven public lectures, the best attended was 'Jung and the Occult' with 89 persons present. As at 30 September 1987, a core of 12 ongoing courses were held at Headquarters, devoted to yoga, meditation, healing, theosophy and the writings of H.P. Blavatsky.

A Krishnamurti group has started on a regular monthly basis. An intensive weeklong introductory course in Esoteric Healing was held in November. Classes covering Sacred Dance I Ching and the Fundamentals of Theosophy were terminated after only a few meetings because of apparent lack of interest.

In July the Theosophical History Centre held a second International Conference at Headquarters, addressed by International speakers. Among booklets published by the Centre during the year was the *Autobiography of A.P. Sinnett, a History of the Parent T.S.* by L. Leslie Smith, and a short biography of H.P. Blavatsky.

Frank Watson, Development Officer for the Section successfully continued to make contacts with members throughout England in order to see if Centres could be established where unattached members had no focal meeting point. To try and encourage people to visit Tekels Park the Information Department organized seminars there. The inaugural event in June was very successful; 33 people came to hear linguistics professor John Algeo of Atlanta, U. S. A. talk on the Theosophical Kabalah.

The Annual Convention and Summer School was held from 31 July to 7 August 1987. The Guest speaker was Seetha Neelakantan who despite her broken leg, gave a series of talks. There were 67 participants.

The theme of the Summer School was 'The Path from the Many to The One'.

During the past twelve months 3,531 books have been borrowed from the Library by members and subscribers. Of these 1,063 were books of Theosophy.

The final costs of repairs to Headquarters building turned out to be higher than anticipated and have been met from increased revenue from donations and help from legacies. Leslie Price took over as Manager of T.P.H. Ltd. in August 1987. Roshan Goswami continued his supervision of the Bookshop as Managing Director and Secretary.

Books published included *Cyclic Evolution* by Adam Varcup and a reprint of *Key to Theosophy*. In the press is a new *Student Companion to Patanjali* by Roger Worthington. The Guest House hosted 30 week-end seminars, 8 of which were Theosophical.

It also had 10 conferences which were between five and seven days in length, the two-week European School of Theosophy, and various one-day seminars which included Tai Chi, Hatha Yoga, the Co-Masonic Orders, Pythagorean, Psinoic Medical Society and regular, Krishnamurti evenings.

The visit of our International President Dr Radha Burnier, on 13 May was the highlight of the year.

During the year the section lost 27 members amongst them being Victor Wallace Slater, who was General Secretary of the English Section from 1961 to 1965. His death on 18 February 1987 was a great loss both to the English Section and to the International Society at Large. He had been Corresponding Secretary of the Esoteric Section and author and an International lecturer for the Society.

Irene Korving, who had been secretary of the Theosophical Self-Training Course

also died after a long illness; she had done much valuable work as a member of Headquarter's staff.

Planning continued in preparation for the centenary celebration in 1988 of the publication of *The Secret Doctrine* and the founding of the British Section of the Theosophical Society

*The Theosophical Order of Service*—We have recruited a few new members and due to the generosity of our old members our income has risen by about £500. We have undertaken this year to support seven new charities and now have 85 on

our list which we shall endeavour with members' help to continue supporting.

Much discussion is taking place on how to achieve growth instead of recession and the development of Tekels Park as a spiritual centre for serious study and contemplation. There is growing concern for adding to the meaningful membership of the Society and forging the necessary links between vision and action to achieve the transmission of our Theosophical message in the framework of the 1990s.

HUGH GRAY

General Secretary

## FINLAND

The highlights of the past year were the 80th anniversary celebration of the T.S. in Finland and the Summer School at Kreivila. On the international level, the Society was represented by 14 Finnish members at the Centenary celebration of the Adyar Library for which a donation of Rs. 11,960 was made from the Finnish Lodges and members.

The Section lost a devoted and faithful member of many years in the demise 22 November 1986 of Miss Sirkka Kivilinna, a former General Secretary of Finland.

Membership stands at 472.

The Annual Convention was held in Helsinki on 23-24 May, the theme being 'Theosophy through the Stream of Ages'. The second day was devoted to the 80th anniversary celebration. The guest speaker was Dr Harry Upadhyay from England whose topic was 'The Fundamental Teachings of *The Secret Doctrine*'. He also visited Turku and Pori, lecturing on Yoga and Meditation.

Public lectures were given during the year in 14 cities and towns.

The theme of the Summer School, held 19-28 June, was 'The Fountain

Sources of Wisdom'. Guest speakers were Dr John Algeo from the U.S.A. and Mrs Seetha Neelakantan from Adyar; also Gerda Hofer of Germany. Each Summer School is unique. One can say the School has been successful if the participants feel they have got something to ponder over afterward.

At present there are 19 active Lodges and 4 study Groups.

Co-operation with other Organizations: The Critical High School organized in November a seminar in Helsinki called 'Through the Nature of the Woods to a Spiritual Growth'. All of the three theosophically oriented organizations were invited to join the seminar. This led to another 'Nature Seminar' in June in the town of Lieksa on the theme: 'The Finns live from the forest—does the forest live in Finland?' It seems as if the different theosophical organizations had found a common interest to work with—Nature. The guest speaker in Lieksa was Dr Henry K. Skolimowski.

*Publishing activity*: A new edition of Annie Besant's *The Study of Consciousness* was printed. Radha Burnier's book *The*



*Way of Self Knowledge*. Bowen's *How to Study Theosophy* and the booklet *Who Am I?* by Bhagavan Ramana Maharshi were translated and printed. In addition to these, three pamphlets were translated and copied: *Death and Its Meaning*

(N. Sri Ram), *Man, Master of His Own Destiny* (Hugh Sherman) and *Yoga and Meditation* (a pamphlet from Adyar).

MRS KYLLIKKI VUORINEN

General Secretary

## FRANCE

This year, we had the pleasure of seeing that the number of our members had increased.

Activities continue at the Headquarters, Paris, and also in the country. The General Secretary paid a visit to Lodges in Orleans and Chatellerault.

The 'Ecole de Theosophie' was held in November by Miss Ianthe Hoskins and Miss Jeanine Miller, with a great interest for the participating members. Last May we had the great privilege of having a Seminar on Meditation held by our President, Mrs Radha Burnier. It was an opportunity for many new members to meet the President and to have a warm contact with many members and the Headquarters.

Mr Phan Chon Tan was the guest speaker at our Convention last February. He also gave a course on Buddhism. Other courses during the year were on Astrology, Kabbala and Health. Theosophical courses were given once each week by Mrs Danielle Audoin, Mrs

Mariette Courtois and Mr Daniel Caracostea.

About 40 members attended the Adyar 1986 Convention, members coming from France, Belgium, Switzerland, Sweden and Tunisia. For many of them it was the first contact with Adyar, and for all, it was wonderful to stay in that small Paradise. About 40 French members attended the Summer School of Pays Latins in Italy.

The Editions Adyar was exposed in the 'Salon du Livre' (book fair) in Paris and also in Brittany. We made many new contacts with bookshops and new readers.

The Headquarters Library received many readers. As many editors send us their new publications, the Library's collection keeps growing each year.

Our magazine *Le Lotus Bleu* changed its shape. We try to maintain the interest of our readers, approaching different ways to the spiritual life.

MRS FRANCOISE CARACOSTEA

General Secretary

## GERMANY, WEST

Intensive work in Lodge and study-groups focused on the study of the S.D., the 'Key' and '*Foundation of Esoteric Philosophy*' which are available in German translations. Helpful also is the new book by Dr Norbert Lauppert: '*Die Einheit allen Lebens*'. More than 100 members and guests attended the German Summer School

1987 in St Martin. The subject was 'Theosophical Life'.

There were three study-groups, two in German and one in English.

German-speaking members in Windhoek/Namibia, Southwest Africa, opened a second Lodge, 'Osiris'. Both Lodges there are planning a 'Winter School'.

The younger generation in Germany



held their Whitsuntide meeting with studies discussions, walk and music and enjoyed slides and talks from the 1985 Adyar Convention.

The cassette library was enriched by many lectures of Dr Lauppert and from the Summer School.

The German library in Bremen is well used and expanded with new books.

The Lodge Hamsa in Hamburg has opened an English library for those who prefer the study of original literature.

The German magazine *Adyar* has more than 300 non-member subscribers.

A weekend 'mini-school' in German was arranged for those who were unable to attend the English European School and studied the Vedas, Upanishads, Key to Theosophy, lodge management and and lecturing.

The membership in Germany now stands at 255.

MRS EVA MAAS  
General Secretary

## GREECE

The policy of regularly publishing books in Greek has been continued with editions of:

*Introduction to Theosophy* (3rd edition)  
*Mitis* (The Book of Wisdom 3rd edition)  
*At the Feet of the Master* (4th edition)

*Light on the Path* (2nd edition).

The six Lodges are active with a total membership of 208.

MR. C MELISSAROPOULOUS  
General Secretary

## ICELAND

Work in the Section has been carried on much as before. Public meetings were held twice monthly in Reykjavik and Akureyri. Introductory meetings to familiarize the public with the work of the Society were held on 11th October 1986 and 17th January 1987 and were attended by 12 persons.

Our Summer School, held 8-12 July was attended by about 70 persons. It was quite successful with talks given by members and Swami Bhavyananda of the

Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre in London.

Membership has increased and now totals 425.

*Mundilfari*, the Section's newsletter, was published three times during the year. We published in October *Zen Mind, Beginner's Mind* by S. Suzuki.

Mr Jon L. Arnalds succeeded Mrs Helga Joakimsdottir as General Secretary of the Section.

MR JON L. ARNALDS  
General Secretary

## INDIA

Smt. Radha Burnier knows the work potentialities needs and problems of the Indian Section better than any one else. She has given us her most valuable advice and guidance. In spite of her multifarious responsibilities she spared time to lead a Study Camp on *Commentaries on*

*Living* by Mr J. Krishnamurti in October 1986 at Varanasi. In addition, Radhaji presided over the annual conference of the Madras Federation, visited Bangalore, Bombay, Delhi and Hyderabad.

It is worth mentioning that the Banaras Hindu University in whose founding Mrs

Annie Besant played a significant role, has instituted a series of Dr Besant Memorial Lectures. The first two lectures of the series were delivered by Dr Radha Burnier in January 1987.

A new experiment was made during the year. About fifty members from different parts of the Section were invited to participate in group discussions for two days at Varanasi in October, 1986. Thirtyfive workers attended the sessions led by Smt Radha Burnier. We talked about the work of the Society at different levels.

It is felt that crowded tours in which the lecturer visits a number of places each for a day and comes again after a number of years is not as helpful as staying at those places for a longer duration, possibly giving a series of talks or better still conducting a short duration study camp. It is suggested that one-day or week-end camps may be organized by combining one or two holidays, mainly for the local members with a few coming from neighbouring Lodges.

In addition to the annual three-week's workers' training cum-study camp at Bhowali in June, another of two-weeks duration was held in May. A two-week long camp was directed by Bro N.C. Ramanujachary helped by several workers.

Two camps were organised in May under the Vasista Theosophical Trust at Hyderabad. The first one of four days was conducted in Telugu by Bro. P. Ramanath Sastry. The second one in its continuation, in English for nine days by Bro. N.C. Ramanujachary. Bro. Suryanarayana Moorti conducted a five-day study camp at Rajahmundry and several short duration camps in the Andhra Pradesh and the Tamil Districts. Several Federations held study camps. The National Lecturers toured Lodges and conducted

study camps. Other Lecturers also assisted in this work.

The South Indian Conference was held during Easter, the theme was 'The Art of Living'.

The General Secretary visited the smaller Federations as well as presiding over various conferences. It has been suggested that it will help to propagate Theosophy if lecturers take with them books for sale.

There were not many new publications during the year. Four books were translated and published in Kannada. A new booklet having excerpts from the writings of Madame Blavatsky was published in Gujarati. *Theosophy in Questions and Answers* was published in Bengali and is sold at a subsidized price. An important publication was the *Krishnamurti Commemoration Number* of the *Indian Theosophist*. A large number of copies were purchased by non-members.

A new feature is the starting of six endowment lectures by the Bangalore city Lodge. The Anakapalle Lodge is holding one-day study camps every month. Kashyapa Lodge, Sri Nagar, regularly arranges White Lotus Day on a large scale.

A book Bank has been started for which books on Theosophy and by or on Mr Krishnamurti as gifts are invited. Lodges which do not have good resources of their own may get books from the Book Bank.

The Theosophical Order of Service is doing well in many parts of the Section. It is hoped that under the leadership of its new National Director, Smt. Saraswati Narayan, it will be more active in the service of those who suffer.

The Bulletin of the *Theosophy Science Group* is celebrating its silver jubilee. To mark the occasion a special issue of the *Bulletin* on the theme 'Holistic Human

Concern of World Welfare' will be released during the 1987 convention.

*Wake-up India*, the official journal of the New Life for India Movement has plans for reaching a wider cross-section of readers. The journal and the Movement serve the need of the hour and should be supported in a greater measure.

Youth Lodges are few in number. The older members often talk about encouraging the young but let us find out for ourselves what are we doing to encourage and help them.

Three new pamphlets, *There is no Religion Higher than Truth*, *Fundamentals of Theosophy* and *Emblem of T.S.* have been added to about a dozen existing information leaflets and are available at special rate.

A committee of eleven members chosen from different regions, is now looking after the work of propagating Theosophy in the Tamil Districts. Lt Col. T. Dorai

Raman is functioning as its Secretary. After a lapse of a few years the monthly journal in Tamil has been revived with Bro. A Ratnam as its editor.

We remember all the many longstanding members for the devoted service rendered by them.

The Section Office does not have even a regular typist apart from the workers we need in several other departments. Our Treasurer, Bro. Mohanlal Velji, at the age of 86 carries the burden of his office in an exemplary manner. I wish to put on record my sincere thanks to all the workers at the Headquarters and outside who are serving to the best of their abilities.

May the light of true knowledge dawn in our consciousness and the Theosophical work be vitalized.

DR C.V. AGARWAL  
General Secretary

## INDONESIA

No annual congress was held this year owing to the nation's General Elections taking place. However, instead we organized a referendum to gather votes from all our members to enable us to rightfully adopt the resolutions put forward with regard to the election of members of the Board of Officers, to the work that has been done and has to be done with a view to improving the organization.

As some small, outlying Lodges had not sent in reports for several years, investigation is to be made to determine their present condition.

The Section has too few workers and volunteers to translate theosophical books and to go on lecture tours, etc. However, the organizing of Annual Summer Schools which can be called Up-

grading Schools for would-be leaders and lecturers and held by the Lodges in turn were always well attended. The most recent was held by the Wijayakusuma Lodge with 68 attending. The theme was 'To Know the Self in order to Help in the Divine Plan'. Many slides and audio cassettes were used. The course succeeded in attracting the younger generation.

The Lodges held weekly sessions of lectures, discussions, also group meditations on world peace, brotherhood and love. Some Lodges as part of their T.O.S. work hold meditation sessions for healing.

Membership has increased by 3 to 645.  
MR H. M. SOESISWO  
General Secretary

## IRELAND

No Report

## ITALY

The activities of the Section progressed fairly well during the year: a new Lodge was formed at Turin, bringing the number of Lodges to 41 and 5 Study Centres. Membership is 1,069.

The Section journal, *Rivista Italiana di Teosofia* has been published regularly with a small reduction of 166 less subscribers.

The 73rd National Convention was held at Castrocara (near Bologna) with about one hundred participants. The themes 'Mediums and Mediators' and 'Comparative Religion and Universal Religion' were debated by sixteen speakers.

In August at Pinarella di Cervia the Theosophical School of Pays Latin was held with more than one hundred partici-

pants from France, Belgium, Switzerland and Italy. In September a Theosophical Seminar on Karma at Jesolo (Venice) was much appreciated by the 30 members who attended.

The Italian Section published a new translation of the 5th volume of *The Secret Doctrine*, Adyar Edition, which was appreciated by the press and has had a good circulation.

The General Secretary lectured during the year in Trieste, Milano, Genova, Firenze, Perugia, Jesolo, Castrocara and Cervia.

MR EDOARDO BRATINA  
General Secretary

## MEXICO

During 1987, the Mexican Section had a meaningful growth, forming 2 new Lodges, 4 Study Centres and a total of 52 new members, increasing the membership to 230 persons. The Educational Department was enriched with didactical material. As well, pamphlets were published in Spanish (10,000) and courses by mail. Groups of Round Table, a Krishnamurty-Information-Centre and others were formed.

The Summer School the Annual Convention and the third Interamerican, Seminary of the Caribbean Area in Metatepec, Mexico which gathered together members of Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Republica Dominicana, USA and Mexico, with an attendance of 163 persons took place in 1987.

The next 4th International Seminary will be in the Republic of Salvador in 1989.

The International President Mrs Radha Burnier visited different cities in Mexico, giving speeches and meeting the members. Other visitors were Brother Walter Ballesteros from Colombia, and Brother Salvador Sendra from Puerto Rico.

2400 exemplars of the magazine 'Unidad' (The Unity) were distributed free. The Caribbean Bulletin was also edited as an informative channel for Central America, the Caribbean Area and the Spanish spoken people in U.S.A.

Communication links were reinforced with the Central American Caribbean countries and U.S.A.

ISAAC E. JAULI DAVILA  
General Secretary



## NETHERLANDS

At the General Members' Meeting of May last, the former General Secretary Mrs I. Vrolijk, resigned as such. As she herself stated: her vision and way of working did not agree any longer with the other members of the Board. The Vice President, Mr Paul Zwollo, was elected General Secretary.

The Annual Dutch Summer School, 1987 held at the International Theosophical Centre at Naarden was well attended. The theme being: 'Oracles, Wisdom at Play'. Lectures and workshops were given on Tarot, I Ching, Runic writing, Pendel, Dreams, Astrology. Joy Mills has agreed to give a seminar on the Secret Doctrine for the Summer school in 1988.

Open days were organised on Saturdays at our National Headquarters in Amsterdam. Themes such as 'The real work of the Theosophical Society', 'Man in relation to his surroundings', 'Ecology seen from Theosophical perspective', were given by scientists and eminent members of our Section. We aim to reach members and non-members who are concerned with life not only for a personal reason. On each of these days 2 or 3 lectures were held and time was given to go into the subject in small groups.

The International President Mrs Radha Burnier visited the Dutch Section and gave a seminar on 'Human Regeneration' at the Centre at Naarden as well as public lectures in several Lodges.

During the visit of the President Mrs Radha Burnier, the Dutch National Board had a meeting with some members of the 'Lodge, Groningen' in the presence of Mrs Burnier. The reason was, that in the above mentioned lodge, problems had been created by one of the members who practised mediumship. This medium was

the leader of a separate organisation, called the 'Esoterich Genochap van de Kring van Verbondenen' translated Esoteric Society of the Circle of Allies, further mentioned as EGKV. A great number of this EGKV also were members of the Groningen Lodge. This spiritual Group penetrated the Lodge and used the Lodge of the TS. for their own spiritual purposes. This caused confusion and opposition amongst the members of the Lodge. On the request of the Board of the Lodge Groningen, the above mentioned meeting was arranged. This attempt at mediation however was unsuccessful. Though the EGKV assured us no intermixture of the activities of the two bodies (EGKV and TS) would take nor had been taking place, evidence to the contrary appeared a few weeks later. On the recommendation of the Board of the Dutch Section, the President, Mrs Radha Burnier cancelled the diplomas of three of the members: Mr Jan Zoutwelle, Mr Karel Jongepier and Mr Daan Akkerman and also cancelled the Charter of 'Lodge Groningen' of our Dutch Section (by virtue of the authority vested in the President of the TS by rule 36 of the Rules and Regulations of the TS.) The General Board regrets this development had to take place but the interest of our Society required the decision. In the meantime some members of the Board of the previous Lodge Groningen have formed the Centre Groningen at the suggestion of the Dutch Board, right after the withdrawal of the Charter of the mentioned Lodge. This Centre continues the Theosophical work as usual. We are optimistic for the future.

The three cancelled members of the former Lodge Groningen, immediately formed a new organisation called 'Het nieuw Theosofisch Verbond' (translated:



The New Theosophical League). Nine members of the Groningen Lodge resigned from the TS, most of them were members of the EGKV. The New Theos. League has tried to make contact with other Theosophical Organisations. The New Theos. League has also been and still sends extensive reports of their sessions held by their medium Akkerman, to all the Branches and Centres of the Theosophical

Society in the Dutch Section and the Branches in Belgium as well as to individual members. They even invited us to co-operate with their League which has been resolutely refused by the Dutch Board.

It was a workyear, in which many changes occurred. Let us hope that all the changes are for the better.

GREETJE VAN DER SCHRAAF  
Secretary

## NEW ZEALAND

*A new Pattern:* This year a total of over three hundred members joined the Society bringing the total membership to 1671. The new members are enthusiastic and eager to learn but their interests are wider than those of the members of earlier years and extend into practical fields such as regeneration of the earth, working for peace and holistic medicine.

*Study Course:* Study courses held by the H.P.B. Lodge attracted about 80 members and public regularly once a week. Wellington, Orewa and Christchurch branches also conducted successful study courses.

*Training Leaders:* Because fewer experienced leaders are now available training workshops were conducted in the larger branches and over forty members from H.Q. and twelve branches attended the annual training weekends.

*Professional Equipment:* It has become obvious that to achieve a professional presentation in our Theosophical work, up-to-date equipment is essential. With this in mind, we have purchased a slide projector and an overhead projector and replaced our old photo-copier with a new Ricoh machine which reduces and enlarges. We have also helped several branches by a financial contribution towards the purchase of equipment they need.

*Resource Catalogues and Branch Libraries:* Catalogues have been produced of video programmes and slides available on loan. Headquarters is providing fourteen branches with ten well-known Theosophical books;

*Overseas Lecturers:* The overseas lecturers invited to New Zealand have been specialists in subjects of interest to both public and members. Dr Richard Silberstine at Convention 1987 related research in brain mind to Theosophical concepts, and Dr Stephen Hoeller in his lectures and seminars showed that although the Gnostics and Alchemists used the language and symbology of their day, what they taught was Theosophy or Theosophy.

*Lecturing by our own members:* The National Lecturer, Lionel Taylor, visited most branches and conducted training workshops at some branches. The General Secretary took a two-session seminar on Karma in the South Island and other branches. The Assistant General Secretary lectured at several branches. Several lecturers have visited nearby branches with H.Q. paying their expenses.

*Convention 1987:* The attendance at all meetings was consistently high. Our thanks to the H.P.B. branch for preparing and decorating their building so superbly

and in many other ways ensuring that the convention was a success. Palmerston North branch organised a very successful 'Small Lodge Weekend' at the Tauhara Centre.

*Branch activities:* A H.P.B. member, Shelley Rademacher, who lives in the Bay of Islands, arranged an evening meeting which was attended by over eighty interested persons. There is a great deal of interest up North and we hope that a group can be formed.

*H.Q. Activities:* The monthly afternoon meetings continue to be well attended. The librarian, Joan Patterson, reports 350 books and 50 catalogues have been sent out from the postal library. Frank Wilson has carried on his work at the Cassette Centre which is now located at 16 Rahiri Road, Three Kings.

*Theosophy in New Zealand:* We express thanks to Elizabeth Sell who as editor,

has maintained *Theosophy in New Zealand* at a very high standard.

*Work in Prisons:* We supplied books and leaflets to several prisons in the Auckland area which are visited by several of our members.

*Contributions to overseas funds:* Contributions from branches and individuals increased our contribution to the Adyar Library Endowment Fund to \$831. An appeal for the Theosophical Order of Service in the Philippines for a Day Care Centre for malnourished children at Talayan, raised \$ 387.57 for this worthy cause. Brian Kirkby, who collected for the H.P.B. Hostel for underprivileged students in Adyar reports that he has received less this year but we anticipate the final amount collected will be close to \$ 1000.

JACK G. PATTERSON  
General Secretary

## NORWAY

The work continues at our centre at Oscarsgt 11, in Oslo. Members have given public lectures and Krishnamurti videotapes were shown till December. In January an information course on meditation started. Guest speaker in May was Carl Rhodosi from Sweden.

1986 was the last year of our journal *Tesofia i Norden* co-printed with the Swedish Section. 1987 is the first year of our quarterly magazine *Teosofi i Norge*. It has received both critical remarks and

gratitude from our members. Our financial status is not good, but we will get a cheaper print in 1988.

I visited Lodge Vesta in May, when readings from *The Mahatma Letters to A.P. Sinnett* (letter No. 10) were discussed.

The American video-tape series on *The Secret Doctrine* is being shown once a month this autumn at our centre, alternating with monthly talks by members.

MRS AGANES GASEMYR  
General Secretary

## PHILIPPINES

The work continues to progress. The college class on Theosophy at Naga College continues and is to be extended by inclusion in a new subject entitled, 'Philosophy of Man'. This will be a re-

quired subject for students.

A workshop on child education was held at the National Headquarters covering general as well as Theosophical principles of teaching.

A school has been opened in the Talayan urban poor area and named the Talayan Sunshine Learning Centre. This is administered by the T.S. but funded by money raised independently by the President. Scholarships continue to be given to those who cannot afford the tuition fees.

The Board approved the proposal for a

full-time administrator to supervise and co-ordinate all the many activities of the Society in the Philippines. A reasonable remuneration will be paid.

Membership is 279, 13 Lodges and two study groups.

VINCENTE R. HAO CHIN JR  
*General Secretary*

## PORTUGAL

The work of the Portuguese Section has progressed steadily. We had public lectures and symposia at the Headquarters every fortnight and branch meetings every week. All T.S. anniversaries were commemorated.

Branches continued giving good collaboration for the public meetings.

Many of our members and about a hundred Spanish members attended the Tenth Iberian Theosophical Week at Peniche-Portugal. Miss Ianthe Hoskins was kind enough to lecture and preside at the meetings. She also lectured in the

Headquarters of our Section. This year, again, the work of the Iberian Week was helped by many young members, especially from Spain.

The great event during the year was a Course of Theosophy, which had the collaboration of almost all the branches and was attended by a great audience.

As regards membership, we now have 272.

We look forward to a continued increase in our activities in the coming year.

DR MARIA G. NOBRE SANTOS  
*General Secretary*

## PUERTO RICO

The work of the lodges and study groups has been carried on with activities such as lectures, panels and discussions of theosophical books. Fifteen new members were admitted bringing the total to 126 members.

We finished preparing a blueprint of our building in San Juan and are now working on a budget as part of a proposal to be presented to a local foundation for possible financial assistance.

In July 1987 the Acting General Secretary attended the Summer School of the U.S. Section at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. During this time he discussed with Mr

John Kern, director of the Kern Foundation our plans to send a proposal in 1988 for the establishment of an Institute of Theosophy in Puerto Rico, to train theosophical workers from Puerto Rico and the Caribbean Basin area. Mr Kern approved the idea, since plans had been made in the summer of 1985 for this Institute, and it had been approved in principle at that time.

The Acting General Secretary visited the Dominican Republic several times during the year. The study group in that country obtained a charter to function as a lodge. For several years they were

sponsored as a study group by the Theosophical Society in Puerto Rico. Mexico and Guatemala were also visited on a lecture tour by the Acting General Secretary.

Twenty-three members attended the Third Inter-American Seminar on Theosophy at Metepec, Puebla, Mexico. During the Seminar, plans were made to have a fourth Seminar in two years at San Salvador, El Salvador. Puerto Rico will advise

them in relation to the programme and of arrangements necessary for this activity and will provide lecturers and panelists for the occasion.

In the month of February 1987 the International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, visited our Section and lectured several times. She also attended our Annual Convention held on 22nd February.

MR MIGUEL A. CHARNECO  
*Acting General Secretary*

## SPAIN

The Spanish Section has developed two new branches bringing the total to 19.

The section Rules and Regulations are being overhauled to meet the needs of the Section. Two branches have bought flats in the name of the Section in which to hold meetings. Another property is being completely renovated.

The 'Iberian Days' gathering organised by the Portuguese Section and the lectures by Miss Ianthe Hoskins were well attended. A variety of video tapes and audio cassettes in Spanish are available to the branches.

MR FERNANDO PEREZ MARTIN  
*General Secretary*

## SRI LANKA

Despite the note of optimism on which our previous annual report ended, our Section has not yet fully recovered from the many setbacks we have had and are having. It is sometimes said that the Cosmic answers the pleadings of humanity in three ways: 'Yes', 'no' and 'wait'. It is necessary, apparently, for the T.S. in Sri Lanka to 'wait' and to plod on patiently with equanimity, i.e., in perfect, unshakable balance of mind, rooted in insight which is the philosophy all true Theosophists must acquire!

So, notwithstanding the rather unsettled conditions in our country we have been able to keep the fires of Theosophy burning; by fortnightly meetings, by mini-group meetings in members' residences and by the encouragement of

members to utilize the very valuable books in our well-stocked library.

The renovation and improvement of our Headquarters building are almost complete, and we now use its hall for formal meetings. Several lodges situated in areas with extremely unsettled conditions are carrying on as best they can. The work continues in the other lodges with some of them combining their activities. A successful innovation is the regular meeting in members' homes of small groups where specific subjects are discussed in depth. Particularly heartening is the revival of work in the Shanti Marge Lodge in Galle in the South.

In conclusion may we say this? The conditions in our strife-torn country are a challenge to those of us who understand



or are trying to understand the meaning and purpose of life on this material plane, and we look forward to a wider and better understanding of life from a larger number

of our Brothers who are now going through the fires of purification.

MR EDMUND P. SILVA  
General Secretary

## SWEDEN

Two short schools were held, one in autumn and one in spring. The Mahatma Letters was the theme for one and, In the Light of Theosophy the theme for the other. Attendance, 25 and 38 participants respectively.

The Summer School with 47 participants had the theme 'Man in the Universe'. Guest speakers were Seetha Neelakantan from Adyar and John Algeo from the U.S. There were also six study groups during the year. Swedish members attended the School of the Wisdom in Adyar, the European School of Theosophy, the European Convention in Spa and the International Convention in Adyar. Curt Berg works as International Treasurer at Adyar and Barbro Melander as Chairman of the European Federation.

There have been public lectures in some towns and also study groups on *The Secret Doctrine*, *The Cabbala*, *Be More*

*Human* and *An Introduction to Theosophy*.

A book with articles and lectures by N. Sri Ram, compiled by Curt and Kerstin Berg, has been printed.

Magazines 1986:

One edition of *Tesofi I. Norden*.

One edition of *Mediemblade*.

1987: 4 editions of *Tidios Visdom*

(Timeless Wisdom)

From 1987 the Swedish Section will have a thoroughly Swedish magazine instead of *Tesofi i Norden* published together with the Norwegian Section and our earlier member magazine. Six editions a year will be produced.

Members: 218—the reduction of 36 members from last year was the result of a scrutiny of non-payment of subscriptions and consequent lapse of membership.

ING-BRITT WIKLUND  
General Secretary

## SWITZERLAND

Regular public lectures and lodge meetings were held in Geneva and Basle. In November we had a weekend gathering with a symposium on the 'Three Objects'.

In March Ianthe Hoskins gave a seminar in Glion on 'The Key to Theosophy'. About 20 participants spent an instructive and very harmonious weekend. Following the Seminar, Ianthe also lectured in Geneva and Basle.

In May our members again met in Glion—a very important occasion in the interests of contact and unity among members of our multilingual section. On the evening before Convention we cele-

brated White Lotus Day.

Five of our members attended the Convention in Adyar; six attended the German Summer School in St Martin and two, the Pays Latins School in Italy.

Although the number of new members did not compensate for the drop in memberships due to deaths, we have grounds for optimism.

Lectures of a more scientific nature (in the spirit of Theosophy) seem to be leading to the need to go deeper into Theosophy itself.

MISS ELIZABETH JENNY  
General Secretary



## U. S. A.

The Education Department provides a comprehensive range of educational materials to members, Lodges and Groups in conjunction with a video rental and sales service. A number of video tapes were produced this year; History of T.S. in U.S.A. also Spanish versions of various tapes, a 22-minute video of Adyar and several programmes by visiting lecturers. The distribution and sales of audio cassettes increased 44%. Many new films have been added to the catalogue. The correspondence course programme continues to meet an important need. Public lectures, seminars, classes and special programmes catered for a wide-range of interests and were very well attended. Video and audio cassettes of these are available.

The Theosophical Publishing House experienced a dramatic expansion of sales with total sales of over one million dollars, an increase of 15% over last year. The Quest bookstore at Olcott also had a record year with a 36% increase in sales. Twelve new Quest books were released, and a number of books from the backlist were reprinted.

Publications are marketed through bookstores, distributors to bookstores and to individuals. A variety of successful programmes are in effect to gain maximum exposure of our books. During the autumn of 1987, six new Quest books are to be released. Publicity pamphlets for distribution to the public are subsidized largely through the Kern Foundation. These are now 28 individual subject leaflets.

New members receive a letter with basic teachings every month for 24 months. An average of 882 letters were sent out each month. Theosophical Camps, speak-

ers' expenses and scholarships are administered through our Department of Education and the Kern Foundation.

The Olcott Library and Research Centre is mainly a postal library with 900 users. 7,730 books were circulated, 829 new books and 33 new tapes were added to the collection.

The American Theosophist Magazine has a regular monthly circulation of approximately 5,000 and about 8000 copies of special issues devoted to themes. Readers are invited to give comments, questions and suggestions to make this magazine more responsive to members needs. Submission of articles should be addressed to William Metzger, Managing Editor.

The National Lecturer Bing Escudero excelled himself by visiting almost all branches and study centres to give lectures and inspire the members with his zeal. A visit from Mr and Mrs Rohit Mehta and the International President, Mrs Radha Burnier were a welcome addition to the field work.

Eight new study centres were started and eight were dissolved. The Publicity Department has developed a 'Starter Package' to assist members who may like to form a study centre in their area.

Members are showing an interest in Endowment Memberships (Life Membership). At present there are 688 and 42 being processed.

The Theosophical Education and Research Foundation is expanding its efforts to encourage systematic investigations in areas of enquiry relevant to the Theosophical world view. The

journal now has 1400 subscribers. Prison programmes provide books, cassettes, leaflets, correspondence courses and a prison newsletter, 'The Light Within' to inmates. T.S. members also correspond

with inmates. If interested in further information, write to Steve Schweizer at Headquarters, Wheaton.

DORA KUNZ  
General Secretary

## URUGUAY

### No Report

## WALES

The work in North and South Wales continues satisfactorily. Although interest and enthusiasm among members remains high, there is no growth in membership numbers. Newcomers were attracted by an obvious interest in the objects of the Society and in programmes of excellent public lectures but most, after early involvement do not overcome the important stage of joining.

An important feature was the decision

to continue as a separate section rather than to merge with the English Section to become a Welsh Federation. This was an interesting though time-consuming task which has revealed several areas of new understanding. Meanwhile study groups continue to deepen their work and it is believed that much progress has been made.

ROBERT N. PETERS  
General Secretary

## YUGOSLAVIA

The organizational side of the Yugoslav Section improved on the whole during the year, mainly due to special personal endeavour of the late General Secretary and other members of the Administrative Committee, including visits and correspondence with members and those interested.

The occasion of the White Lotus Day celebration that took place in Ljubljana was a good opportunity for meeting members and those interested in Theosophy from all over the country.

Much effort was put into the adjustment of our rules and regulations in consonance with those of Adyar. For instance a waiting time, (as proved from the past experience of our Section) is necessary

before accepting a member into the section.

Our journal, *Theosophical Thought* was issued three times during the past year, each issue containing from 30 to 40 pages.

Regular work was performed in all three lodges, including study of *Man Visible and Invisible* by Leadbeater and *Beyond Violence* by J. Krishnamurti.

Miss Mary Anderson visited us twice and gave three lectures. We also had a short presentation by Dr Latto on vegetarianism.

A translation of *Light on the Path* has been completed for printing. Our Section now has 48 members.

MR ANTON JESSE  
General Secretary

## REPORTS OF PRESIDENTIAL AGENCIES

### BOLIVIA

The Lodges have continued their intensive work. In February there was a 3-day National Summer School in Cochabamba, with some 40 members and two brothers from Argentina. There was a spirit of enthusiasm and dedication.

In April, eight members went to Argentina to the meeting with the International President, Mrs Radha Burnier. During November 1986, nine members from Bolivia attended the Inter-American School in Buenos Aires.

At present one Lodge in Santa Cruz is being renewed. Here in La Paz, two good theosophical groups have been created of from eleven to fourteen persons

who study Theosophy, and plan to start two new Lodges; one is already organized and the name is 'Puchskara' (Lotus Blue) with eleven members. It will be the sixth this year. These Lodges were formed by sister Marina Stumpf, a new member of the T.S., here.

We are planning another Summer School for February 1988 in La Paz. If the Inter-American Federation will assist us, it will be an international school of South America.

All of this has strengthened the theosophical movement in Bolivia.

MR MARIO CARIAGA ARAMAYO  
*Presidential Agent*

### MALAYSIA

There are three functioning Lodges in Malaysia, viz, Penang, Selangor and Seremban with a total membership of 80.

Regular weekly or fortnightly meetings are held. During these meetings Theosophical texts are read and discussed. The Selangor Lodge also conducts Bhagavad Gita study classes weekly.

In addition special public functions, weekend retreats and other activities are held on an ad hoc basis.

The Seremban and Selangor Lodges also run Montessori schools for children of pre-school age.

S. NARAYANAN  
*Presidential Agent*

### PAKISTAN

The Karachi Lodge, the largest in the section holds regular public meetings, weekly study classes and celebrates all the Memorial Days. The large lodge building houses a library of 13,000 books and a free reading room open six days a week. The Theosophical Order of Service has its office in the building and is very active.

In conjunction with Save the Children Fund, London, it looks after the needs of over 1,000 school and college students. Two special committees operate a Montessori School and an Animal Welfare programme.

The other two lodges in Karachi, the lodges at Hyderabad, Sind and Quetta

hold regular study meetings. A small group in Lahore participates in organized local activities.

**A SPECIAL NEED.** Can you help?

The Pakistan Section welcomes visitors and lecturers from abroad and has funds

to assist them. Also there are funds available for translating theosophical books into Urdu and Sindi.

MRS GOOL K. MINWALLA

*Presidential Agent*

## SCOTLAND

Membership stands at 117 members, thirteen being unattached. Edinburgh, and Glasgow with smaller lodges (branches) just hold their own with less than seven members in each.

Aberdeen has had a few meetings and enquirers have come along. The elderly members in Dunfermline continue to keep in touch with each other by letter or telephone.

A musical production written and produced by Andrew Hennessey of Edinburgh, entitled 'A Farewell to Dawn', brought verse, music and song together for a Theosophical Arts Forum presentation given to a large audience.

Both the main Centres have been busy throughout the year, although some curtailment was unavoidable due to major renovation taking place, but the main work should be completed by the end of 1987.

Glasgow and Edinburgh have very much appreciated visits by well-known guest speakers including Dr Hugh Gray (England), the Venerable Akong Rinpoche of the Kagyu Samye Ling Tibetan Centre (Scottish Borders), Prof. John Algeo (U.S.A.) and Mrs Rosemary Larbalestier

of the North Federation Training Centre in England.

The Rules and Regulations for Scotland are being amended and irregularities corrected as the first stage in the process of regaining our Charter. Meanwhile the work in Scotland continues with the steady support and hard work of a few dedicated members. Meditation has been to the forefront and Edinburgh finished its session with a yearly meditational visit to the Isle of May, one of the many sacred islands to be found off the shores of ancient Alba.

Two issues of *Circles* were published, Autumn 1986 and Spring 1987. These were circulated to all Scottish members and to all parts of the world. This creates a link with other members and an interchange of journals and friendship.

The Video Education Unit has been building up the Video Library and links have been made with Paul Zwollo of the Netherlands and the T.S. in New Zealand for an interchange of videos. Future expansion in this area should be of great value to unattached members as video equipment becomes cheaper.

MRS MARGARET T. SENIOR

*Presidential Representative*

## VENEZUELA

A great effort has been made to improve the work of the Agency. The Blavatsky Lodge and the Fraternidad Lodge meet regularly each week. After the meeting

members remain for discussion and refreshments.

Brother German Vinas founded a new study group 'Circular Theosofico'



which meets at a home and also studies by mail.

The magazine 'Unidad' continues to be published. Translations have been made of books, booklets and other literature for distribution. Courses for new members have been reprinted. Programmes have covered a wide field of Theosophical subjects such as *Secret Doctrine*, Meditation, 'A Theosophist's

Role in the world, evolution, rounds and chains.' These have been presented through lectures, conferences and studies. The aim is to explain to members and others the importance of a spiritual and disciplined life as our highest accomplishment. We hope to transform our Presidential Agency to a section.

DR ROGER VIVAS-DECANIO  
*Presidential Agent*

## REPORTS OF REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

### AFRICA, WEST

The Annual Convention was held at Accra 17-18 April 1987, with very good attendance, mostly members from Ghana. (For the past six years it has not been possible to hold a mini-convention in Nigeria. One would be organized as soon as practicable.) The convention theme was 'Theosophy in the light of modern world trends'.

The report of the impending visit of the International President, Mrs Radha Burnier, accompanied by Mrs Francoise Caracostea, General Secretary for France, to West Africa early in 1988 was hailed with joy.

Headquarters Building: There was a steady progress on the project. Spontaneous pledges in cash and materials showed how businesslike members think of this long-standing project after over fifty years of the Society's existence in Ghana.

A Consultative Group meeting comprising Lodges and Centres in the Accra/Tema Metropolitan Area was held at Accra. The subject was, The Principles of Theosophical Work.

The problem of a lack of books posed a serious problem and handicap, but

as a supply of gift books is expected from Adyar in due course, a solution however little is envisaged. Complimentary copies of journals from other Sections are appreciated.

The new Secretary, Mr Eze Ik. Emmanuel, of Port Harcourt Centre, Nigeria, invited 30 members, active and lapsed to a group meeting. His effort was crowned with success for ten fellows attended. Mr G.O. Olubi has drawn up a study programme.

The Organizing Secretary broke his return journey from Adyar at Lagos for four days and held useful discussions with members. In Ghana he visited Lodges and Centres to become acquainted with local problems and to instill interest in serious study of Theosophy as well as in righteous living.

At Lagos, application to acquire a Government plot of land for T.S. offices in Nigeria has reached an advanced stage. Voluntary contributions from members for the building project are being received.

*Membership:* There was a drop in new admissions, and lapses were 44, but total membership rose by 4 to reach 335. As usual new members and intending



members who had a false notion about the Society become disappointed and fell by the wayside because their sanguine expectation of the Society providing them protection against witchcraft and evildoers could not be guaranteed in contradistinction to the promises of some gurus who offer their gullible followers charms, amulets, etc.

We record our grateful thanks for generous donations of books, pamphlets and

information leaflets by Dr C.V. Agarwal, General Secretary, Indian Section; Miss Tjioe Siang Nio, Adyar; and Mr Bhagwan Bhojwani.

On the whole the year has been eventful and it is hoped that the work ahead will be met with courage and magnanimity.

PAUL B. KWAKYI  
*Organizing Secretary*

#### CANADA No Report

#### IRELAND, NORTHERN

The regional Secretary Mr Tony Rodriguez, reported that throughout the year the programme of public talks and discussions developed very well. The Section combined various inspiring and illuminating approaches to the Wisdom. All the meetings were well attended. The Belfast Lodge has a tape library with thirtyfive recordings for use by members and friends. Members' meetings continued on Wednes-

days with increased attendance. Study classes have been held on *Esoteric Christianity* by Annie Besant, *The Round of Experience* by Hugh Shearman, a selection of J. Krishnamurti's Writings, and *Self-Realization Through Love* by I.K. Taimni (Commentary on *Narada Bhakti Sutras*).

TONY RODRIQUEZ  
*Regional Secretary*

### REPORTS OF FEDERATIONS

#### EUROPEAN FEDERATION

The European School of Theosophy was very well attended with Joy Mills from Krotona, USA as guest speaker. There have also been three mini-schools of Theosophy in France, Germany and Spain.

American video tapes are distributed and four newsletters have been sent out.

Members of the Executive Committee have visited various sections. Mary Anderson has visited Yugoslavia, Austria, Germany, etc. Ianthe Hoskins has been

teaching in Spain, Switzerland and in other continents. The Chairman visited Helsinki.

The International President visited Holland and France. John Algeo, USA, was guest speaker at the Finish and Swedish Summer Schools as was Seetha Neelakantan (India). She was also guest speaker at the Danish School and in England.

BARBRO MELANDER  
*Chairman*

## INDO-PACIFIC THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

No Report

## INTER-AMERICAN THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION

In November 1986 a four-day Seminar on Aspects of *The Secret Doctrine* was held in Argentina.

Bolivia recorded a milestone in its history when it held its first Summer School during seven days in January with an attendance of 47 members. Juan Vinas extended the work with lectures in other cities.

The tour in March-April of the International President, Sister Radha Burnier, of the Latin-American countries served as an inspiration and encouragement to the members. The bi-annual Congress of the I.T.F. at which 8 Sections and a Presidential Agency were represented was held in April.

In July a successful Winter School was held in Colonia San Rafael, Argentina with members from Bolivia, Uruguay and Argentina studying *The Secret Doctrine* with Juan Vinas.

A Seminar on Kriyā Yoga was held at Montevideo, Uruguay.

The members of the Argentinian Section have been engaged in the above work.

*Future Events 1988:* In February a second Summer School is planned to be held at Cochahamha, Bolivia, and Inter-American Days are scheduled for Porto Alegre, Brazil between May and July 1988

MR MANUEL FARINICH  
*President*

## WORLD THEOSOPHICAL YOUTH FEDERATION

No Report

## REPORTS OF LODGES ATTACHED TO ADYAR

### BANGLADESH

The Comilla Lodge the only branch of the T.S. in Bangladesh, has 33 members, most of whom are elderly. Various approaches have been used to attract the younger generation through booklets, brochures, seminars, etc.

There were 41 sittings of the Lodge which were fairly well attended. A wide range of religious, historical, cultural and allied matters were presented. White Lotus

Day was celebrated on 8th May with both morning and evening programmes.

A seminar on World Peace and Universal Brotherhood was well attended.

1989 will be the Centenary year of the Lodge and a special programme is to be planned during 1988.

REV. DHARMA RAKSHIT MAHATHERO  
*President*

### CAMEROUN

No Report

**HONG KONG**  
No Report

**ISRAEL**

The Covenant Lodge has held regular weekly meetings and monthly classes in the *Secret Doctrine*. A yearly course for non-members on the ideas of basic Theosophy was attended by 15-20 people.

Lectures to other organizations about Theosophy and two one-day seminars

proved popular. Two new books have been published. *Dharma*, by Annie Besant and *A Window to Occult Wisdom*, a collection of twentythree talks given in the lodges in the last three years.

ABRAHAM ORON  
*President*

**JAPAN**

This has been a very busy year for Nippon Lodge in Japan. Several members are very active translating and already large sections of *The Secret Doctrine* have been translated into Japanese. *The Key to Theosophy* has been translated and published.

Regular monthly study sessions on *The Secret Doctrine* have been held, and have recently been very well attended.

Also regular monthly study sessions are being held in English for English speaking Theosophist residents in Tokyo.

Several Theosophists from abroad have visited Japan. Last December we were fortunate to have Miss Joy Mills come to Japan and give very interesting lectures in Tokyo and Osaka.

MRS EMIKO TANAKA  
*President, Nippon Lodge*

**KOREA**

Though small, the lodge in Korea four week-ends a month conducts study classes in the *Key to Theosophy*; which they have translated into Korean and published in twelve volumes. If you are visting Korea

please meet them. Write to Seoul Young-Dong, P.O. Box 538 Seoul, Korea (T. 135)

JUNG MU  
*President*

**PERU**  
No Report

**SINGAPORE**

There has been a marked increase in Lodge activities this year resulting an increased attendance at meetings. Several visitors from overseas lodges gave lectures. The memorial days of the Society were celebrated and symposiums

on subjects pertaining to life and Theosophy were held.

Membership stands at 53.

TAN KIONG KHOO  
*President*

**SURINAME**  
No Report



MEMORANDUM  
OF  
ASSOCIATION, ETC

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

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(Sd) M. PRUTHIYASWAMI MOODALIAR

Registrar of Joint Stock Companies

Station, Madras

Dated 3rd April 1905





THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY  
FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875, INCORPORATED APRIL 1, 1905

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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled 'An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860', that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.



(Sd) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR  
*Registrar of Joint Stock Companies*

Station, Madras  
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and Governor-General of India in Council, being  
an Act for the registration of literary,  
scientific and charitable Societies*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

## MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are:

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire or by

gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follows:

### GENERAL COUNCIL

#### *Ex-Officio*

*President-Founder*:—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

*Vice-President*:—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

*Recording Secretary*:—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

*Treasurer*:—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knos, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, New Zealand.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de la Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Masso, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

#### Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandvala, Poona, Special Judge, [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author [for 2 years]

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired, Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

#### 4. The Founders

Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded The Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of 'President-Founder', and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

#### 5. Income and property applied to promotion of objects

The income and property of the Society,

whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any members thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

## 6. Members of General Council not answerable.

No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

## 7. Vesting of Property on dissolution.

If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions,

Witnesses to the signatures:

(Sd.) WM GLENNY KEAGEY ...

„ ARTHUR RICHARDSON ...

„ PYARE LAL ...

„ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE ...

having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present personally or by proxy, at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

## 8. Filing of Rules and Regulations, Memorandum.

A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this...day of March 1905.

(Sd.) H.S. OLCOTT

„ W.A. ENGLISH

„ SUBRAMANIAM

„ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE

„ UPENDRA NATH BASU

„ ANNIE BESANT

„ N.D. KHANDALVALA



## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED 'THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY', ADYAR, MADRAS

#### 1. General Council

The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. All members of the General Council shall at all times be Fellows of the Society and not fewer than seven members of this Council shall be resident in India.

#### 2. Members of the General Council

(a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not fewer than 5 and not more than 12 Additional Members, among whom all past Presidents while in good standing shall automatically have place. Other members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

#### 3. Removal of General Council members and officers

It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of the Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society

and excepting the General Secretaries of National Societies, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not fewer than five members.

#### 4. Meetings of the General Council

(a) The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of the Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and a meeting shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

(b) Whenever, at any time or place, a Convention or other function of the Society shall bring together a number of members of the General Council, the President at his discretion may call such members to a meeting for the purpose of study and discussion of any matters concerning the Society that he considers appropriate to lay before them. The meeting may then forward to the President its report on such matters and may make recommendations thereon. Such meetings shall be of a consultative nature without administrative or legislative authority, or may be of a legislative nature upon the decision of the General Council taken at least one year in advance.

In the event the President does not himself attend such a meeting he may appoint the Vice-President or some other member of the General Council to preside in his stead.

The President or his Deputy shall give not less than thirty days' notice of such meeting to all members of the General Council who may be expected to be present at the function that provides occasion for the meeting, but all members of the Council shall have the right to attend.

## 5. Resolutions

(a) On the request of any member of the General Council any resolution or other item of business proposed by such member shall be placed on the Agenda, and circulated with brief supporting statements, for consideration at the next meeting of the General Council, provided that not less than six months' notice of such resolution or item of business shall be given to the Secretary.

(b) At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

*Note:* Meetings include adjourned meetings.

## 6. Quorum

The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting

shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

## 7. Who Shall Preside

The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of the Society shall preside at all meetings of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

## 8. President

In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

## 9. President's term of office

The term of office of the President shall be seven years from the date of assuming office.

## 10. Election of President

The procedure for election to the office of President shall be as follows:

(a) Seven months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Executive Committee shall appoint a special Committee consisting of three members of The Theosophical Society in good standing including the Secretary, but excluding any candidate for the office of President, to carry out the election procedure as hereinafter detailed.

This Committee shall be known as the Election Committee and shall be answerable only to the Executive Committee.

It shall be automatically dissolved on the declaration of the voting result.

(b) Immediately on its appointment, the Election Committee shall instruct

the Secretary to send out to the members of the General Council a written call for nominations for the office of President.

The call for nominations shall be sent by airmail or other expeditious means if airmail be unavailable, followed one week later by a second (duplicate) call.

(c) Any member of the Society in good standing, having been a member for at least ten consecutive years immediately preceding his nomination, may be nominated.

Each member of the General Council who is a General Secretary, Regional Secretary or Organizing Secretary, shall be entitled to make three nominations and shall consult his Governing Body before making nominations.

The President shall be entitled to make three nominations.

The Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and each Additional Member of the General Council who is not a Regional Secretary or Organizing Secretary shall be entitled to make one nomination.

It shall be the responsibility of the nominator to see that his nomination(s) together with the written consent of the nominee(s) reach the Secretary within ten weeks of the date of the call for nominations.

(d) At the expiration of ten weeks, the Election Committee shall place all the nominations received, together with the relevant papers, before the Executive Committee at a meeting especially convened for the purpose.

At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations.

The three nominees having the highest number of nominations shall alone be qualified to be on the voting list, but if two (or more) nominees qualify for the last place on the voting list, they shall both (or all) be included in the list.

No nominee shall be included in the voting list unless supported by at least twelve nominations.

The names of the nominees who thus qualify for inclusion shall be listed in alphabetical order.

This list, as finalized by the Executive Committee, shall be the voting list and shall not be subject to challenge.

(e) The Secretary shall then immediately communicate in writing by airmail or other expeditious means (followed one week later by a second and duplicate communication) the voting list together with biographical data of the candidates in accordance with Appendix A to these Rules, to the General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries, and Presidential Representatives and to the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters.

Each General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary and Presidential Representative shall make known the names of the candidates and their biographical data to the members in his area and take the votes in accordance with the instructions in Appendix B to these Rules of the individual members on the rolls of his National Society or area of administration who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations, and shall communicate the results to the Secretary in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B to these Rules.

The Election Committee shall take the votes in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B of these Rules of the members of the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations.

The voting results must reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks of the date of issue of the voting list by him.

If only one name remains on the voting list the vote shall be taken on a 'For' or 'Against' ballot.

(f) At the expiration of fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by the Secretary, the voting results shall be totalled by the Election Committee and placed before the Executive Committee.

Within three days of the closing date of voting, the candidate who has received the largest number of votes shall be declared elected President and shall assume office not later than thirty days thereafter.

In the event of a tie, or of the rejection of a single candidate in a 'For' or 'Against' ballot, or of a candidate on the voting list dying or being so seriously incapacitated as to be unable to carry out the Presidential duties if elected, after the despatch of the voting list and before the final totalling of votes, the nomination and election procedure shall be repeated, commencing within seven days from the notification of the fact to the Secretary, and the President in office or the Vice-President if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President assumes office.

Note: A member is in good standing if his dues have been paid for the last official year to his Section, Regional Association or Presidential Agency or in the case of Lodges (Branches) attached direct to Adyar and Fellows-at-large to the Secretary or Treasurer concerned.

## 11. Nomination and election of Vice-President; his duties

(a) Within three months of assuming office the President shall nominate the

Vice-President subject to confirmation by the General Council. His term of office shall be at the discretion of the President but when the Vice-President has been three years in office that office shall become vacant by the passage of time and the President, within three months, shall again make a nomination and submit it to the General Council. Notwithstanding this provision the Vice-President shall remain in office and his term shall continue until a successor has been nominated and confirmed. The Vice-President in office may be renominated. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of the Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

## 12. Appointment of other officials

The Secretary and such subordinate officials as are necessary shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at its next meeting, the newly appointed officials not being present or voting. The Executive Committee may remove any of these appointees, by a vote of three-fourths of the whole number of its



members. In this event, the President shall make a new appointment.

### 13. Removal of appointees from office

The President shall nominate the Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council for a period of three years. In the event of an emergency, the President may appoint an acting Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Committee until such time as the General Council can confirm a new Treasurer in accordance with the procedure laid down above. The Treasurer may be removed from office by the General Council or by a vote of three-fourths of the number of members of the Executive Committee. In such an event, the President shall nominate a new Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council.

### 14. Appointment of Executive Committee

(a) The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year or until its next Annual Meeting, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by co-option.

(b) The General Council may delegate to the Executive Committee any of its powers and authority in the management of the business and affairs of the Society except:

(i) The power to amend or repeal the Rules;

(ii) The power to borrow money and incur indebtedness;

(iii) Such powers as are specifically reserved to the President.

The Executive Committee shall have such powers as are delegated to it by the General Council and as are specified in the Rules. The Executive Committee may recommend to the General Council programmes, policies or activities, but it may not initiate projects requiring major funds not within the current approved budget.

### 15. Meetings of Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not fewer than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

### 16. Quorum of Executive Committee

At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

### 17. Chairman of Executive Committee

The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

### 18. President Custodian of archives; Executive Officer; power to make temporary and provisional appointments

The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of the Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business



of the Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of the Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

### 19. Receipt of moneys

All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Secretary, the receipt of any of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

### 20. Deposits, Signatories

The securities and uninvested funds of the Society shall be deposited in the State Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by any two of the following: the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and any other persons appointed by the President for the purpose under Rule 12.

### 21. Power of Attorney

(a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of the Society beyond India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of the Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of the Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise

transfer the assets of the Society, movable or immovable, reals or personal, and to receive subscriptions, donations, legacies, moneys and other property, movable or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to sub-delegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and release, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

### *Investments*

(b) The funds of the Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public Securities, Unit Trust of India, Term Deposits in Scheduled Banks, fixed deposits and bonds of Government of India undertakings or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages in such property.

### *Disposal of Adyar Estate*

(c) The Adyar Estate of the Society in Madras including the Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

### *Transfer of investments and other property*

(d) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee,

sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of the Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21(c).

## **22. Affixing of Seal, Signatures**

(a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to the Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society with the signature of the President and of the Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

### *Transfer of movable property*

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of the Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

*Note:* The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21(a).

## **23. Suer**

The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

## **24. Secretary to affix Seal**

The Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the

Seal of the Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Secretary.

## **25. Death or resignation of President**

On the death or resignation of the President, the Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

## **26. Headquarters**

Headquarters of the Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

## **27. Permission to reside**

The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person use of any premises or portion thereof in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying such premises under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period. When circumstances warrant it, the fortnight's notice may be dispensed with and the person shall quit immediately when required to do so.

## **28. Eligibility for membership**

Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of eighteen shall be admitted

to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian, and shall have no right to vote until they have reached the age of eighteen years.

## 29. Admission to membership

(a) Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge (Branch), the General Secretary of a National Society or, through the Secretary; and a Diploma (Certificate) of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Secretary.

(b) Admission to membership shall be at the discretion of the National Society or the International Secretary, as the case may be.

### *Membership Date*

(c) The date of membership will begin:

(i) When admission has been made through the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, or Presidential Representative from the date of acceptance by the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary or Presidential Representative as entered by him and duly reported to the Secretary at Adyar.

(ii) When admission has been made through the Secretary, from the date of acceptance of the application by him, and so recorded in his office.

(d) Members may not be full members of more than one Lodge (Branch) at a time, but may be accepted as Affiliated or Honorary Members of Lodges (Branches) other than the one in which they are full members. Affiliated or Honorary Members may possess such

rights and privileges as are accorded to them by the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold such membership, but they shall not be founder members of new Lodges (Branches), but if a member becomes a founder member of a new Lodge (Branch), he must become a full member of such Lodge (Branch) and shall relinquish full membership in any other Lodge (Branch). Affiliated or Honorary Members are not to be counted in the international records or vote in international elections other than through the Lodges (Branch) in which they hold full membership.

(e) Without prejudice to the provisions of Rule 10, no member in good standing for less than two years shall have the right to vote in elections and other matters pertaining to Lodges, Federations, Regional Associations, National Societies or other duly constituted bodies of the Theosophical Society. In the case of newly formed Lodges (Branches), or in other special circumstances, the General Secretary, or National Council or Committee, or the International Secretary, as the case may be, shall have the power to waive the requirements of this rule.

## 30. Lodges and Fellows within a National Society

Lodges (Branches) and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge (Branch), residing within the territory of a National Society, shall normally belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the consent of the General Secretaries concerned a member who belongs to one National Society may, while retaining his membership of that National Society, belong to another National Society as an Affiliated or Honorary Member, but he shall not cast a vote in matters relating to The Theosophical

Society in the National Society in which he is an Affiliated or Honorary Member.

When a National Society under its own rules provides for Life Membership in that National Society, such Life Membership shall no longer be effective where a Member resides in the territory of or transfers his membership to another National Society, unless the specific approval of the General Secretaries concerned has been granted.

**31. Lodges and Fellows within a National Society but attached direct to Adyar or to another National Society**

(a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge (Branch), for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge (Branch) may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible.

Before any Lodge (Branch) shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge (Branch) belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge (Branch) vote in favour thereof.

(d) In the event of any undue delay in the transmission of any application under any of the foregoing provisions of this Rule, a correct copy of such application (duly signed or otherwise authenticated) may be transmitted directly to the President by the Fellow or Lodge (Branch)



concerned, and the President may act on such copy if in his absolute discretion it appears to him to be fit or proper that he should so act. Any action so taken by the President shall be as valid and effectual, for all purposes, as if it had been taken on the original application submitted for transmission to the President. The Fellow or Lodge (Branch), when forwarding such copy to the President directly, shall state the full grounds and reasons for the direct transmission.

### **32. Lodges and Fellows where no National Society exist**

Lodges (Branches) or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas (Certificates) directly to the Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

### **33. Formation of a Lodge**

Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge (Branch). In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of the Society through the Secretary.

The Presidents, Secretaries and other Officers, including Committee Members, of Lodges (Branches) shall have been members in good standing for not less than two consecutive years immediately prior to their election. In the case of newly formed Lodges (Branches), or in other special circumstances, the General Secretary or National Council or Committee, or the International Secretary, as the case may be, shall have the power to waive the requirements of this rule.

Three or more members, but less than seven, may apply for certification as an

Official Study Centre, but such Official Study Centres shall not be considered as units to be counted in application for the formation of a National Society.

### **34. President grants, refuses Charters**

The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Secretary, and the Seal of the Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of the Society.

### **35. Formation of a National Society**

(a) A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) consisting of at least 70 members of the Society in good standing.

#### *Formation of a Section*

(b) Upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) in areas which are territorially adjacent and in which there are not sufficient Lodges (Branches) for each national group to form a National Society, the President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a Charter constituting such Lodges (Branches) into a Section. The Charter shall confer the same powers as one issued to a National Society. In all respects the rules applying to National Societies shall apply to any group of Lodges (Branches) holding a Charter under this rule.

#### *Formation of a Regional Association*

(c) The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a certificate of Regional Association to any national or territorially adjacent group of Lodges (Branches) not sufficient in number or otherwise unable to form or to maintain a National Society, as defined in these Rules, or where in his judgement



territorial division or other causes have made such Regional Association necessary or desirable. Any such Regional Association may elect an Organizing Secretary or other executive officer or officers for the purpose of further organization and the transaction of business.

A Regional Association shall not appoint a General Secretary (as the term is used in these Rules) nor be represented on the General Council. In all other respects the Rules applicable to National Societies and to General Secretaries shall apply to Regional Associations and to their chief executives.

#### *Appointment of Presidential Representatives*

(d) The President shall have authority at his discretion to appoint and to withdraw appointments of Presidential Representatives to act under his instructions for the purposes of conducting the business and administration of the Society in any place and in any respect not inconsistent with these Rules. Each such appointment and the power delegated to each such Representative shall be evidenced by a Letter of Appointment referring to this Rule.

### **36. Authority of Charters and Diplomas**

(a) All Charters of National Societies or Lodges (Branches) and all Diplomas (Certificates) of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

(b) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-rule (a), a National Society, Section or Regional Association may cancel the Charter of a Lodge (Branch) within its area. This power shall be exercised by the Governing Body or Committee which is responsible, according to the constitution, rules and regulations of the National Society, Section or

Regional Association, for the management of the business and affairs of the National Section or Regional Association.

(c) The Lodge (Branch) may appeal to the President against the cancellation of its Charter under sub-rule (b) within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the order of cancellation of the Charter, and the President may either uphold or quash the order of cancellation. The decision of the President shall be deemed to be effective from the date of the order of cancellation of the Charter by the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

Provided that if the President does not pass an order on the appeal within a period of nine months from the date of receipt of the appeal, the cancellation of the Charter shall be deemed to have been upheld.

#### *Minimum number of members for National Society*

(d) If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below seventy and the number of Lodges (Branches) falls below five, the President may, at his discretion withdraw its Charter.

In the event of the Charter not being withdrawn, the General Secretary of the Section concerned shall cease to have voting rights as a member of the General Council until the necessary numerical strength is recovered.

### **37. Rules of Lodges and National Societies**

Each Lodge (Branch) and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the National Society to which the Lodge (Branch) belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges (Branches) and National Societies and amendments thereto shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows: In the case of a Lodge (Branch) belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society; in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not situated within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31(c) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the President.

All Rules and amendments shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgement of their receipt.

If by a change made in a Rule of The Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge (Branch) which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge (Branch) shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society.

### 38. General Secretary

(a) Every National Society shall elect a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

(b) The General Secretary shall be elected according to the procedure laid

down in the rules and regulations of the National Society for a term not exceeding three years. He shall, however, be eligible for re-election for a further term or terms, if the rules of the National Society permit it.

(c) The General Secretary shall generally reside within the area of the National Society and shall not be absent from the area for any period or periods exceeding the limit prescribed by the National Society.

(d) General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries and other Officers, including Committee Members of National Societies and Regional Associations, shall have been members in good standing for not less than three consecutive years immediately prior to their election to the office concerned. Provided that in special circumstances, the National Council or Committee shall have power to waive the requirements of this rule.

### 39. Annual Report

The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

### 40. National Societies known as Sections

National Societies hitherto known as Sections which have been incorporated under the name of 'The...Section of The T.S.' before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

#### 41. Fees and Subscriptions

The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall together have the power to fix or vary fees and charges payable to the General Treasury by Lodges (Branches) not comprised within the limits of any National Society; for Charters of such Lodges (Branches); of Diplomas (Certificates) of Membership and for Annual subscription of Fellows of such Lodges (Branches); and in the case of Lodges (Branches) comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, Regional Association, or Presidential Agency for Charters when printed at or supplied by the Adyar Headquarters. The Secretary should inform the General Council within three months of any changes in fees and charges. The Annual Subscription of Fellows other than Fellows-at-large or members of Lodges (Branches) attached directly to Adyar shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society to which such Fellows are attached, or equivalents.

#### 42. Fellows-at-large: Fees and Subscriptions

Fellows-at-large resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31 (a) shall pay to the General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the bylaws or other regulations of such National Society, but not less than the fee and subscription fixed for a Fellow-at-large not resident within the territory of a National Society.

Fellows-at-large not resident within the territory of a National Society, shall pay such Entrance Fee, Diploma Fee and Annual Subscription as shall be fixed by the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Secretary shall inform the General

Council of any changes in such fees within three months of their being made.

#### 43. National Societies: Fees to Adyar

(a) Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury fifteen per cent of the total amount of fees payable by members to the Section and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of September of the current year, and the financial year of the Society shall close on 30th September.

##### *Presidential Agencies: Dues*

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 41(a) and Rule 42, the President at his discretion may authorize Presidential Representatives to collect dues in territories to which they have been appointed and to remit in accordance with Rule 43(a).

#### 44. Cancellation of Charter or dissolution of National Society or Lodge

In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge (Branch), the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge (Branch), granted by the President, shall *ipso facto* become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas (Certificates), Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge (Branch) shall vest as follows:

##### *Vesting of property of National Society or Lodge*

(a) in the Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) coming under Rule 31(c) (except) where the law of the country where the National Society

or Lodge (Branch) is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest (as hereinafter provided) and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge (Branch) is situated, in the case of a Lodge (Branch) within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge (Branch) not coming under Rule 31(c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge (Branch) whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the name, motto, or seal of the Society except for the purpose of vesting in the Society or in the National Society, as the case may be, the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge (Branch).

#### *Revival or transfer of Charter*

(c) Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge (Branch), as the case may be whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges (Branches) being not fewer than seven in number, or to other Fellows being not less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgement shall seem best for the interest of the Society.

Provided further that in cases in which the Charter of a Lodge (Branch) had been cancelled by a National Society, Section or Regional Association under sub-rule (b) of Rule 36 and, on an appeal under sub-rule (c) of that Rule, the President quashes the order of cancellation, all property of the Lodge (Branch) shall again vest in the Lodge (Branch), and shall be deemed to have remained so vested from the date of the order of cancellation

of the Charter by the National Society, Section or Regional Association.

In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in the Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge (Branch) whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which the Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to the Society.

#### **45. Financial accounts**

The financial accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

#### **46. Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held at such time and in such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year, but such Annual General Meeting or Convention must be held within six months of the close of the Society's year and may be held outside India not more than once in every three years. National Societies desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation at least twelve months prior to the Convention with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.



#### 47. World Congress

Not more than once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention.

#### 48. Special meetings

The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Society at his discretion.

#### 49. Changes in Rules and Regulations

The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive

Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of the Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

#### 50. Bylaws

The General Council may frame bylaws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such bylaws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.



## APPENDIX

### A: Biographical Data of Presidential Candidates

Each candidate shall submit to the Secretary biographical data not exceeding two hundred words.

The following information shall be included: (a) date and place of birth (b) education (c) past and present occupations (d) date of joining The Theosophical Society (e) work done for The Theosophical Society.

Other information may be included but must be factual and shall not contain statements of opinion or policy.

The biographical data for circulation shall be drawn up by the Election Committee on the basis of the information supplied by the candidates, and shall be approved by the Executive Committee (excluding any candidates for election) before being issued.

### B: Voting Procedure for a Presidential Election

Note: Where the term 'General Secretary' is used, it refers also to Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, and Presidential Representative. Where the term 'Section' is used, it refers also to National Society, Regional Association and Presidential Agency.

(a) The Section shall print the voting papers and biographical data as soon as the names of the nominees are announced.

Where practicable, in the view of the General Secretary, all the papers should be in the language(s) of the area.

It shall be the responsibility of the General Secretary, to ensure that the voting papers together with the biographical data in full are sent to each member.

Other material concerning the candidates shall not be circulated.

(b) The voting papers shall consist of two parts: the voting slip, and the letter form which the member signs and addresses to the General Secretary.

Each member shall be given two envelopes, a small one in which he will place only the voting slip and seal it, and a larger one addressed to the General Secretary, in which he will enclose the small sealed envelope and the letter form signed by him.

(c) As the papers are received, the General Secretary, with the scrutineers appointed by the Executive Committee of the Section (preferably not members of that committee), shall open the larger envelopes addressed to him to ensure the validity of the votes by checking the eligibility of the voter who has signed the letter form.

He shall then put the small sealed envelopes containing the voting slips into a sealed box.

This box shall be opened on the appointed day by the scrutineers. Voting papers received after this date shall be treated as invalid and shall be destroyed unopened.

The scrutineers shall open the small envelopes and count the votes given to each candidate (or the number of 'For' or 'Against' votes if there is but one candidate).

(d) The General Secretary shall record the result of the count on Form C which will be supplied from the Secretary's Office at the same time as the list to be voted upon.

He shall place Form C in the small

envelope labelled 'Voting Result. .... Section', seal the envelope and enclose it in the larger envelope addressed to the Secretary.

This must be sent by airmail or other expeditious means to reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by him.

(e) The small envelope containing the voting results of the Section shall be kept unopened in a sealed box by the Secretary until the close of voting.

It shall then be opened by the Election Committee.

The larger envelope shall be kept separately and shall not be destroyed until after the voting results are announced, and under the authority of the Executive Committee.

(f) If the voting returns have not been received by the Secretary within twelve weeks of the date of issue of the voting

list by him, he shall cable the General Secretary concerned, informing him of this fact.

The General Secretary shall immediately send to the Secretary by airmail or other expeditious means a second (duplicate) voting return in a sealed envelope marked 'Duplicate'.

Cabled results will not be accepted.

Voting results received after the closing date will be destroyed unopened by the Secretary in the presence of three members of the Executive Committee, nominated by the said Committee, and the particulars of the Section from which the voting results were received and the date on which they were received, shall be recorded in writing, and the Secretary and the three members of the Executive Committee shall affix their signatures thereto.

## DIRECTORY 1988

### *Ex-Officio Members of General Council*

**President:** MRS RADHA BURNIER

**Vice-President:** MR SURENDRA NARAYAN

**Secretary:** MR CONRAD JAMIESON

**Treasurer:** MR CURT BERG

### National Societies, Federations and Presidential Agencies

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1947	Africa, East and Central	... Mr Kiran H. Shah	... 55A Third Avenue Parklands, P.O. Box 48507, Nairobi, Kenya
1909	Africa, South	... Mr Arthur Bunton	... P.O. Box 22023, Kloofsig, 0034
1956	Africa, West *	... Mr P.B. Kwakyi	... P.O. Box 720, Accra, Ghana
1929	America, Central	... Mr Ernesto Aguilar Castro	... P.O. Box 1595, San Salvador, El Salvador
1920	Argentina	... Mr Manuel Farinich	... Pje. Florencio Balcarce 71, 1405 Buenos Aires
1895	Australia	... Miss Dianne Kay Kynaston	... 4th Flr., 484 Kent St., Sydney, N.S.W. 2000
1912	Austria	... Mrs Margaret Lauppert	... Postfach 655, A—8011, Graz
1911	Belgium	... Dr H. van der Hecht	... 166 Rue de la Cambre, 1200 Bruxelles
1965	Bolivia †	... Mr Mario Cariaga Aramayo	... Casilla 2083, La Paz
1920	Brazil	... Mr Joao Baptista Brito Pinto	... R. Anita Garibaldi, 29-10º andar, CEP 01018, Sao Paulo SP.
1912	Burma	... U Maung Gyi	... No 102, 49th Street, East Rangoon
1919	Canada	... Mr Stan Treloar	... 57 Eleanor Cres., Georgetown, ON, L7G 2T7
1924	Canada *	... Mr George H. Duguay	... 443 Hamel Street, Laval, Quebec, H7P 3L5
1920	Chile	... Mr Mauricio Froimovich	... Casilla 3603, Santiago
1937	Colombia	... Mr Gabriel Burgos S.	... Carrera 6A, No. 56-40, Bogota
1905	Cuba	... Dr Luis Manuel Celema Delgado	... P.O. Box 6365, Havana
1918	Denmark	... Mrs Marion Bennis	... Banevej 3, Hyllested, 4261 Dalmose
1888	England	... Dr Hugh Gray	... 50 Gloucester Place, London W1H 3HJ
1907	Finland	... Mrs Kyllikki Vuorinen	... Vironkatu 7c2, 00170, Helsinki 17
1899	France	... Mrs Françoise Caracostea	... 4 Square Rapp, 75007 Paris
1902	Germany, West	... Mrs Eva Maas	... D-6450 Hanau/M, 1, friedrich Ebert-Anlage 9
1928	Greece	... Mr C. Melissaropoulos	... 26 Harilaou Trikoupi Street, Athens 10679
1921	Iceland	... Mr Jón L. Arnalds	... Ingolfsstraeti 22, Reykjavik

1891	India	...	Dr C. V. Agarwal	...	The Theosophical Society, Varanasi 221 010
1912	Indonesia	...	Mr H.M. Soesiso	...	Jalan Oto Iskandardinata III/G. 336, Jatinegara, Jakarta Timur
1949	Ireland, Northern*	...	Mrs Marie Henry	...	Gateway House, 242, Antrim Road, Belfast BT15 2AR
1919	Ireland, Rep. of	...	Mr Matthew Finnegan	...	31 Pembroke Road, Dublin 4
1902	Italy	...	Mr Edoardo Bratina	...	via E. Toti 3, (Post Box 1252) 34131 Trieste
1948	Malaysia †	...	Mr S. Narayanan	...	12 Lorong Damansarah Endah, Kuala Lumpur
1919	Mexico	...	Mr Isaac Jauli Davila	...	3 Poniente No. 724-A, 72000 Puebla, Pue
1897	Netherlands, The	...	Mr Paul Zwollo	...	Tolstraat 154, 1074 VM Amsterdam
1896	New Zealand	...	Mr W.W. Johnstone	...	18 Belvedere Street, Epsom, Auckland 3
1913	Norway	...	Ms Agnes Ibsen	...	Odd Husbysvag 82 B, 7000 Trondheim
1948	Pakistan †	...	Mrs Gool K. Minwalla	...	'Q' House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi 0402
1933	Philippines, The	...	Mr Vicente Haó Chin Jr	...	Corner P. Florentino and Iba Streets, Quezon City
1921	Portugal	...	Dr Maria G. Nobre Santos	...	Campo Martires da Pátria 69, r/c- Dto., Lisbon 1
1925	Puerto Rico	...	Mr Miguel A. Charneco	...	G.P.O. Box 1766, San Juan, 00936
1910	Scotland †	...	Mrs Margaret T. Senior	...	12 Granary Park, Rafford, by Forres, Morayshire, IV 36 OJZ
1921	Spain	...	Mr Fernando Perez Martin	...	Sociedad Teosofica Espanola, Rios Rosas, 25-1º-Da, 28003, Madrid
1926	Sri Lanka	...	Mr Edmund P. Silva	...	49 Peterson Lane, Colombo 6
1895	Sweden	...	Mrs Ing-Britt Wiklund	...	Kalle Posts vag 48, S-702 29 Orebro
1910	Switzerland	...	Miss Elizabeth Jenny	...	Binderstrasse 62, CH—8702, Zollikon
1886	United States of America	...	Mrs Dorothy Abbenhouse	...	P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois 60189-0270
1925	Uruguay	...	Mr Jorge Sabaj	...	J. Barrios Amorin 1085, Casilla de Coreos 1553
1953	Venezuela †	...	Dr Roger Vivas-Decanio	...	Apartado 2907, Caracas
1922	Wales	...	Mr R. M. Peters	...	17 Duffryn Avenue, Lakeside, Cardiff CF2 6LE
1925	Yugoslavia	...	Mr Anton Jesse	...	61000 Ljubljana, Kremzarjeva 18

**The Council of the European Federation of National Societies:**

*Chairman:* Mrs B. Melander, Beleshogsv 15, S-21618 Malmo, Sweden

**Inter-American Theosophical Federation:**

*President:* Mr Manuel Farinich, Florencio Balcarce 71, 1405 Buenos Aires, Argentina

**Indo-Pacific Theosophical Federation:**

*President:* Miss Dianne K. Kynaston, 4th Floor, 484 Kent Street, Sydney, N.S.W. 2000, Australia

**World Theosophical Youth Federation:**

*Chairman:* Mr Arnaldo Sisson Filho, Caixa Postal 10360, Porto Alegre, 90000 Brazil

\* Regional Association

† Presidential Agency



## Additional Members of the General Council

- MRS GOOL K. MINWALLA, 'Q' House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi 4, Pakistan (for 1986, 1987 and 1988)
- MR JAMES S. PERKINS, 29, Taormina Lane, Taormina, Ojai, California 93023, U.S.A. (for 1987, 1988 and 1989)
- DR HUGH SHEARMAN, 36, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT 146 JY, Northern Ireland (for 1987, 1988 and 1989)
- MRS EMILY SELLON, 949, Forest Ave., Rye, N.Y., U.S.A. (for 1987, 1988 and 1989)
- MISS JOY MILLS, Krotana 22, Ojai, California 93023, U.S.A. (for 1986, 1987 and 1988)
- MISS IANTHE H. HOSKINS, 37, Victoria Hill Road, Hextable, Swanley, Kent BR8 7LL, England (for 1987, 1988 and 1989)
- MR C.R.N. SWAMY, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600 020, India (for 1987, 1988 and 1989)
- MRS NORMA Y. SASTRY, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600 020, India (for 1988, 1989 and 1999)
- MRS BARBRO MELANDER, Beleshogsv, 15, S-21618 Malmo, Sweden (for 1986, 1987 and 1988)
- MR S.S. VARMA, B-6/8 Vasant Vihar, New Delhi 110057, India (for 1987, 1988 and 1989)

## EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES

*Of the meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society  
held at Adyar on 25 December 1987 at 8 a.m. and  
The Adjourned Meeting 1st January, 1988*

### PRESENT

Mrs Radha Burnier	...	<i>President (in the Chair) and proxy for France, Switzerland, Belgium, Italy and Indonesia.</i>
Mr Surendra Narayan	...	<i>Vice-President and proxy for Argentina, Central America, Miss Joy Mills and Miss Gool Minwalla.</i>
Mr Conrad Jamieson	...	<i>Secretary and proxy for New Zealand and Yugoslavia.</i>
Mr Curt Berg	...	<i>Treasurer and proxy for the Netherlands, Finland, Sweden and West Germany.</i>
Dr C.V. Agarwal	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in India.</i>
Dr Hugh Gray	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in England.</i>
Mr Isaac Jauli Davila	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in Mexico.</i>
Mr Kiran Shah	...	<i>General Secretary, T.S. in East and Central Africa.</i>
Miss Ianthe Hoskins	...	<i>Additional Member and proxy for Australia.</i>
Mr S.S. Varma	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mr C.R.N. Swamy	...	<i>Additional Member.</i>

The President welcomed those present and read the list of proxies.

### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the General Council held at Adyar on 25 December 1986 and 1 January 1987, having been previously circulated were taken as read, and after alteration to Item 11 (m) replacing the word 'African' with the word 'some', the minutes were confirmed and signed.

### 2. Confirmation of Voting

The following amendments to the Rules and Regulations had been circulated for voting:

#### i. Rule 21 (b)

The funds of the Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other public

securities, *Unit Trust of India*, term deposits in Scheduled Banks, fixed deposits and bonds of Government of India undertakings, or in the purchase of immovable property or first mortgages in such property.

The voting was:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstained</i>	<i>Total</i>
41	—	—	41

The amendment having received the required number of votes was declared adopted.

ii. *Rule 36 (d)*

If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below seventy and the number of Lodges (Branches) falls below five, the President may, at his discretion, withdraw its Charter.

*In the event of the Charter not being withdrawn, the General Secretary of the Section concerned shall cease to have voting rights as a member of the General Council until the necessary numerical strength is recovered.*

The voting was:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Total</i>
38	2	1	41

The amendment having received the required number of votes was declared adopted.

iii. *Election of Additional Member of the General Council for 1988, 1989 and 1990*

Name: Mrs Norma Y. Sastry

The voting was:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Invalid</i>	<i>Total</i>
32	—	—	32

Mrs Norma Y. Sastry was declared elected as an Additional Member for the years 1988, 1989 and 1990.

3. *Report of the Non-English Publications Fund Committee for the year ending 30 September 1987*

The report for the year presented by the Vice-President was received.

It was suggested that there should be some accounting about the number of copies of a book sold which had been financed earlier through grant from the Non-English Publications Fund before request for a grant for another book is considered; and normally unless 50% of the copies have been sold, grant for another book should not be given.

It was also suggested that in areas with a small membership, publication of smaller low-cost books should be encouraged, and an appropriate number of copies could even be distributed free of charge. A list of such books may be drawn up and circulated.

The Non-English Publications Fund Committee for the year 1988 shall consist of the following:

Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>Chairman</i>
Mr Surendra Narayan	<i>Vice-Chairman</i>
Mr Conrad Jamieson	
Mr Curt Berg	

One nominee each of the Publishing House at Adyar, Wheaton and London.

The Committee may consult competent persons with regard to the needs of the area concerned.

#### 4. Report of the International Finance Committee for the year ending 30 September 1987.

The report for the year was presented by the Vice-President.

The following were appointed as members of the International Finance Committee for 1988:

Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President</i>
Mr Surendra Narayan	<i>Vice-President</i>
Mr Conrad Jamieson	<i>International Secretary</i>
Mr Curt Berg	<i>International Treasurer</i>

#### 5. Report of the Executive Committee for the year ending 30 September 1987

A summary of the Executive Committee's minutes for 1986-87 was received.

The following were appointed as members of the Executive Committee for 1988:

Mrs Radha Burnier	<i>President</i>
Mr Surendra Narayan	<i>Vice-President</i>
Mr Conrad Jamieson	<i>Secretary</i>
Mr Curt Berg	<i>Treasurer</i>
Mr S.S. Varma	<i>General Council Member</i>
Mrs Norma Y. Sastry	<i>do</i>
Mr R. Gopalaratnam	
Mr Ch. Sankar Rao	
Mr K. Visvanathan	

#### 6. Appointment of Auditors

Messrs Fraser & Ross were appointed as Auditors for the year ending 30 September 1988.

#### 7. Any other business

##### (a) Land of 'The Rising Sun of India' Co-Masonic Lodge

The land belonging to the Co-Masonic Lodge in Besant Gardens was donated to it in 1910 by Sri V.C. Seshachari with the proviso that if the



Lodge ceased to exist, the land would pass to the Theosophical Society. A request had been received from the Eastern Federation of the Co-Masonic Order requesting the Theosophical Society to consider relinquishing its interest in the property in the remote event of the Masonic Lodge ceasing to exist, as this would greatly facilitate dealing with tax and other problems. On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, the General Council agreed to the relinquishing of the Theosophical Society's interest in the property.

(b) *Issue of Charters*

As Lodge Charters are issued under the name of the International President by the Sections, information must be made available to Headquarters by the Sections about the details of each new lodge. It was felt that the use of the names of the Masters or names of denominational or political significance should be avoided.

(c) *General Council Meeting in England, 1988*

It is proposed to hold a meeting of the General Council in England at the time of the European Congress and Centenary of the English Section—29 July to 5 August 1988. As this meeting would be in accordance with Rule 4(b) of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society, it would be of a consultative nature only.

(d) *Fees to Adyar*

Some Sections do not seem to realize that the Fee payable to the General Treasury at Adyar is 15 per cent of the *total fees payable* by the members to their Section as per Rule 43(a). The Secretary was requested to clarify the point.

# MINUTES OF THE ADJOURNED MEETING

*Held on 1st January 1988*

## 1. Departmental Accounts—1986-87

The Departmental Accounts for 1986-87 were considered and adopted.

## 2. Treasurer's Report and Main Accounts for 1986-87

The Treasurer presented his report and the Main Accounts for 1986-87 which after consideration were adopted.

## 3. Budget for 1987-88

The Budget for 1987-88 was examined and after due consideration was adopted.

## 4. Any other business

### (a) *St Michael's Centre, Naarden*

Further letters had been received about the Centre. The President visited it in May and had discussions with several persons. The Chairman of the Centre's Board, Mr Arend Haybroek, had requested the President to appoint a representative of Adyar on the Board.

It was decided to appoint only an observer for the present, who may also be asked to negotiate the conditions necessary to establish a link. The observer should be able to attend for one year the meetings of the Governing Board and the Maintenance and Programme Committees. The nature of the programme organized in the Centre would be crucial to its having a theosophical character. It should also be seen to what extent the European Federation could avail of the Centre to carry out some of its activities. Enquiry is to be made as to whom the properties of the Centre would go in case of the dissolution of the S.M. Foundation.

### (b) *Unification of the Theosophical Movement*

Mr Geoffrey Farthing had requested the President to put before the General Council his proposal that 'members of any one of the major organizations within the Theosophical Movement should automatically be members of the others'. He also suggested that all should agree on a common set of Objects and a Declaration of Intent.

The Council was of the view that structural changes are not called for at present since unity depends on attitudes and relationships more than one structure. The bases for unity must be established by creating a greater sense of understanding and respect for the viewpoints of others.

(c) *Lapsing of members*

It is noticed that some Sections continue to maintain on their rolls names of members who have not paid membership dues for several years. This gives an incorrect picture of total membership of the Section. It was decided to notify General Secretaries and others that when members have not paid membership fees for two years, their names should be removed from the membership roll.

(d) *Amendment to Rule 10 (c)*

It was proposed that Rule 10(c) of the Rules and Regulations should be amended to make it consistent with Rule 35(c). Also to simplify the procedure for confirming acceptance of nomination for election to the office of President.

It was decided that necessary amendments will be drafted in the International Office and circulated to all members of the General Council for voting.

(e) *Number of nominations required for election for office of President*

Dr Hugh Gray, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the English Section, suggested that the number of nominations required by Rule 10(d) be reduced from twelve to four or six. It was pointed out that the number was raised to twelve after careful consideration and discussion by the General Council in 1978. It was decided that this may be further discussed on a suitable occasion later.

(f) *Insurance of visiting Speakers*

It was suggested that lecturers from overseas should be covered by medical insurance in case of illness or accident. It was agreed that the Section or inviting body be responsible for the medical insurance of overseas lecturers, but only for the period they are in the country. This would apply if the lecturer concerned has not arranged his own personal insurance.

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